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Anguish over NJAC order behind posting delays: SC

Supreme Court had struck down the National Judicial Appointments Commission, which gave the government an equal say in judicial appointments to the constitutional courts, in 2015

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday linked the bitter failure of the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) to the government's willingness to "cross some Rubicons" and take on the judiciary by delaying Collegium recommendations.

The top court had struck down the NJAC, which gave the government an equal say in judicial appointments, in 2015. The judgment had revived the Collegium system of judicial appointments.

"There appears to be an unhappiness in the government of the fact that NJAC did not muster the constitutional mandate... That cannot be the reason to not comply with the law of the land," a Bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and A.S. Oka.

> Government neither appoints the persons and nor communicates its reservation, if any, on the names [suggested by the Collegium] ... Keeping the names pending is something not acceptable
>
> SUPREME COURT ON NOVEMBER 11

> It (government) is crossing some Rubicons by keeping these names pending like this... It cannot go on like this... We went on thinking that things will improve. But for the past two months, everything has come to a standstill, whether it is appointments to the HCs or to SC
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The hearing coincided with a fresh salvo from Law Minister Kiren Rijiju, a relentless critic of the Collegium system. Mr. Rijiju, in an interview, reportedly dared the judiciary to "issue its own notifications" of appointments if it thought the government was sitting on Collegium recommendations.

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Govt. asks SC to reconsider 20 names for HC judges

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre has asked the Supreme Court to reconsider 20 names recommended for appointment as High Court judges, including that of advocate Saurabh Kirpal. He recently said his appointment was delayed as he was gay. He was one of the lawyers whose efforts in the SC had led to the decriminalisation of homosexuality.

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Stand-off continues: Fishermen use boats to block the road to the Vizhinjam harbour in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday. S. MAHINSHA

All-party meeting fails to break Vizhinjam impasse

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A day after the violent protest against the police at Vizhinjam here, an all-party meeting convened by the Kerala government on Monday to restore peace at the project site of the ₹7,500-crore Vizhinjam International Seaport failed to break the logjam and ended inconclusively.

All the political parties, except the Opposition Congress MLA, M. Vincent, of the Kovalam constituency, where the port work is under way, stood in favour of resuming the work on the seaport project being built by the Adani group.

The Latin Archdiocese-led Action Council, which spearheads the protest, said the police had provoked the local people by arresting five persons who were not part of the violent protest on Saturday. Alleging a conspiracy to defame the protest movement, its leaders called for a judicial probe into the violence.

The police on Monday registered cases against over 3,000 'identifiable persons' for attacking the Vizhinjam police station and holding personnel hostage for around four hours.

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People above 30 to be screened for diabetes

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In view of the preventable risk factors for non-communicable diseases, the State Health Department will start screening all those aged above 30 years for diabetes. It will be done at the soon-to-be launched Namma Clinics. » Page 3

II PU examination in State from March 9 to 29

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The II PU examination will be conducted from March 9 to 29, 2023. The Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board announced the final timetable on Monday. It will be held between 10.15 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. » Page 3

Both Gehlot, Pilot are assets for Congress, says Rahul on tussle

Shubhomoy Sikdar
BHOPAL

Breaking his silence on the power tussle between Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his former Deputy CM Sachin Pilot in Rajasthan, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Monday described both leaders as "assets to the party".

His remarks came at a press conference near Indore, days before his Bharat Jodo Yatra moves to Rajasthan.

To a question on Mr. Gehlot's recent remarks calling Mr. Pilot a "traitor", Mr. Gandhi said: "It will not affect the yatra and both the leaders are assets to the Congress party."

Referring to a rebellion by Mr. Pilot in 2020, the Rajasthan Chief Minister told a news channel last week that Mr. Pilot was a '*gaddaar*' (traitor) who could not replace him as the Chief Minister. In response, his former deputy had said such "mud-slinging" would not help.

In the press conference that lasted for over half an hour, Mr. Gandhi took questions on a range of issues, including the possibility of his contesting from the Amethi Lok Sabha constituency, from where he was defeated by Union Minister Smriti Irani in 2019.

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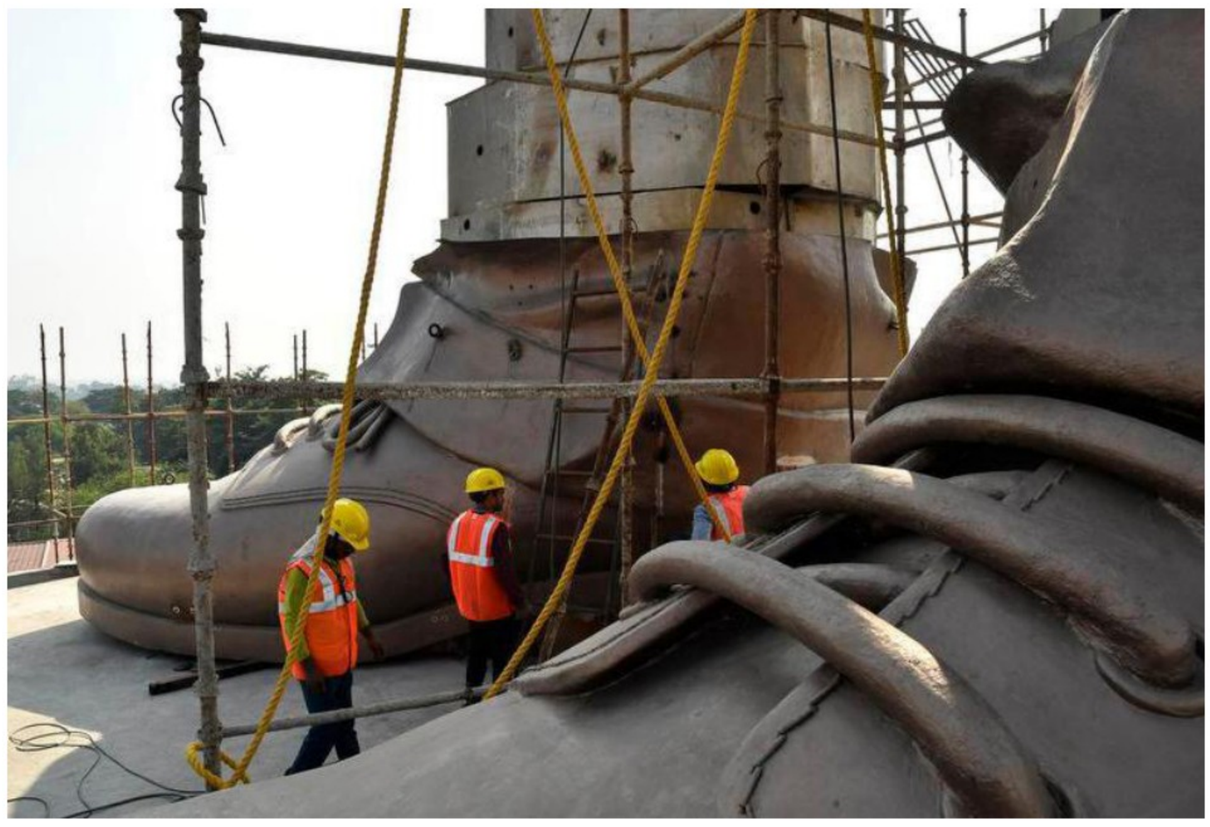
Big shoes to fill



Work in progress on a 125-ft bronze-and-steel statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in Hyderabad on Monday. The statue and a museum on an 11-acre site near the Hussainagar lake, will be inaugurated on the birth anniversary of the architect of the Constitution in April. G. RAMAKRISHNA

Teacher debarred over remark against Muslim student

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

The Manipal Institute of Technology (MIT) has debarred a teacher from classes till an ongoing inquiry into an incident in which he allegedly made inflammatory remarks against a Muslim student, is completed.

A video of the incident inside a classroom – where the student is seen taking serious exception to the teacher's remarks – has been widely shared on social media.

In the video, the student, a first-year engineering student, asks how he can be called a "terrorist". When the teacher tries to brush it aside as a "joke", the student hits back, saying, "Being a Muslim and facing this every day in this country is not funny." When the teacher apologises, the student says that sorry "does not change how you think or how you portray yourself." When the teacher further says he is like a son, the student asks if he would talk in a similar vein with his son.

Sources said the incident took place last week.

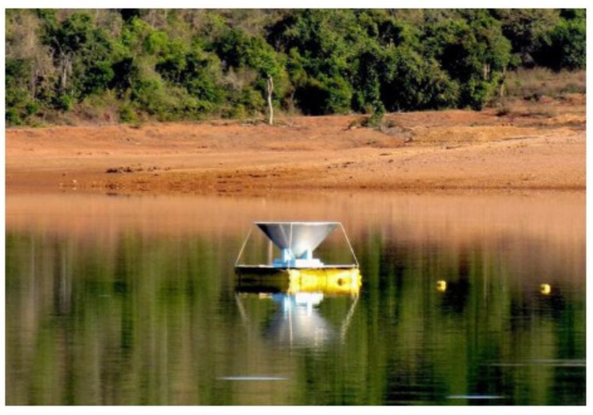
A tweet from MIT Manipal said: "The institute has already initiated an inquiry. We would like everyone to know that the institute does not condone this kind of behaviour. The institute is committed to uphold our Constitutional values of treating everyone alike."

Radio telescope floating in Karnataka waters throws light on nature of early stars and galaxies

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

SARAS 3, a radio telescope designed and built at the Raman Research Institute (RRI) here, has provided clues to the nature of the universe's first stars and galaxies.

Using data from the telescope which has been deployed over the Dandiganahalli Lake and Sharavati backwaters since 2020, astronomers and researchers have been able to determine properties of radio luminous galaxies formed just 200 million years post the Big Bang, a period known as the Cosmic Dawn.



Window to beyond: SARAS 3, built by the Raman Research Institute in Bengaluru, deployed on the Sharavati river. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Researchers Saurabh Singh from the RRI and Ravi Subrahmanyan from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) in Australia, along with collaborators at the University of Cambridge and University of Tel Aviv, have used data from SARAS 3 to throw light on the energy output, luminosity, and masses of the first generation of galaxies that are bright in radio wavelengths.

Deeper insight

"The results from the SARAS 3 telescope are the first time that radio observations of the averaged 21-centimetre line have been able to provide an insight into the properties of the earliest radio loud galaxies that are usually powered by supermassive black holes," said Subrahmanyan, former Director of the RRI and currently with CSIRO. Explaining the findings, Professor Singh said SARAS 3 had improved the understanding of astrophysics of Cosmic Dawn by telling astronomers that less than 3% of the gaseous matter within early galaxies was converted into stars, and that the earliest galaxies that were bright in radio emission were also strong in X-rays, which heated the cosmic gas in and around the early galaxies.

The results of the findings have been published in the journal *Nature Astronomy*.

In March, the SARAS 3 team used the same data to reject claims of the detection of an anomalous 21-cm signal from Cosmic Dawn made by the EDGES radio telescope developed by researchers from Arizona State University and MIT, the U.S.

Two killed as garbage truck knocks down motorcycle near Doddaballapur

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A motorcycle rider and his friend riding pillion were killed when an overspeeding garbage truck knocked them down near Hulikunte cross on National Highway 207 near Doddaballapur on Monday evening.

The deceased have been identified as Maruthi, 28, and Mahesh, 30, both private firm employees and residents of Maralakunte village near Nelamangala taluk.

Police said that the incident occurred around 4.30 p.m., when the deceased were returning home after visiting a temple in Madhure village.

The garbage truck was moving in the opposite direction after dumping garbage in MSGP waste tech park, Chiguranahalli. The police said the truck hit the bike head-on. After the riders fell, the truck ran over them. The duo sustained severe injuries and died at the spot.

According to Doddabelavangala police, they were informed about the accident by local residents. They gathered at the spot and demanded that the waste-processing centre be shut down.

The villagers staged the protest with the bodies on the road for some time, causing traffic disruption. Additional police force had to be deployed to monitor the law and order situation. Senior police officers reached the spot, and pacified the protestors, assuring them of taking necessary action.

Meanwhile, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials said the truck belonged to a contractor.

Text&Context

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Bank credit grows in the September quarter: RBI data

17.2 In percentage, the growth in bank credit in the September quarter of 2022 improving from 7% in the year-ago period, according to data from the RBI's Quarterly Statistics on Deposits and Credit of SCBs: September 2022. Aggregate deposit growth, which has remained between 9.5 to 10.2% since June 2021, stood at 9.8% in September 2022. PTI

Indian patients with uncontrolled high blood pressure rise

75 The percentage of hypertension patients in India who have uncontrolled high blood pressure (BP), according to a study published in *The Lancet Regional Health* journal. High BP is an important modifiable risk factor for cardiovascular diseases, making it a significant contributor to premature death and morbidity. PTI

AAP tops the list of candidates with criminal records

300 The number of candidates out of the total 1,621 candidates, contesting the Gujarat Assembly elections, who have criminal cases registered against them, the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) informed. AAP tops the list with 61 such candidates. A total of 192 candidates are booked for serious offences. PTI

Dengue cases recorded in the national capital

3,323 The number of dengue cases reported in Delhi till November 25, according to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi. Over 1,100 dengue cases have been reported in the national capital in the first three-and-a-half weeks of November. In 2015, the city witnessed a massive dengue outbreak, with cases crossing 10,600 in October. PTI

Yemen signs aid package with the Arab Monetary Fund

1 In $ billion, the worth of the aid package to be provided to Yemen by the Arab Monetary Fund, according to their state media. Yemen's government signed a deal with the Abu Dhabi-based fund, paving the way for them to receive economic aid from 2022 to 2025. Yemen's civil war, entering its eighth year, has decimated the country's economy, pushing its population to the brink of famine. AP

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How FIFA is using SAOT for offside decisions

How does FIFA's brand new Semi-Automated Offside Technology work? Is this tool accurate and reliable? Are on-field decisions going to be completely automated? Can the data generated by this technology be used for other purposes other than making on-field resolutions?

EXPLAINER

N. Sudarshan

The story so far:

In the opening match of the FIFA World Cup 2022 between host Qatar and Ecuador, just three minutes' of action had passed before the first goal of the tournament was ruled out for offside. Ecuador forward Enner Valencia's headed strike was disallowed because the lower half of his right leg was in an offside position. While such close calls being settled with the help of Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology is largely commonplace in modern-day football, what surprised fans was the speed with which it was adjudicated. One three-dimensional animation of the incident was displayed for a fleeting second or two before play restarted. FIFA's brand new Semi-Automated Offside Technology (SAOT) was responsible for the quick decision.

Acute precision: Ecuador's Enner Valencia heads the ball to score a goal against Qatar which was later disallowed for an offside at the 2022 World Cup. AFP

What is SAOT?

There are two parts to the technology – a sensor inside the match ball (Adidas's Al Rihla) that is held using suspension technology, and existing tracking tools that are part of the VAR system as we know. Kinexon, a German company that specialises in providing sensor networks and computing solutions, has designed a small in-ball device which gives precise positional data and also detects ball movement in a three-dimensional space. Every time the ball is hit, data is sent in real time (at a whopping 500 frames per second) to a network of antennae installed around the playing field. Additionally, there are 12 Hawk-Eye cameras set up around the turf that shadow both the ball and the players, with as many as 29 separate points in the human body tracked. The coming together of the ball sensor and the Hawk-Eye cameras is in effect SAOT, which FIFA says allows for decisions that are highly accurate and quick. These two data sets are run through artificial intelligence software which generates automated alerts about offsides to the match officials. This replaces the manual effort taken in poring over replays for minutes on end.

Is there no human intervention?

FIFA has made it clear that SAOT is only a confirmatory tool. Speaking ahead of the World Cup, referees chief Pierluigi Collina underlined that the final decision "always belongs to the match official – on the VAR, the video assistant referee, on the field of play, to the referee." In addition, the differentiation that exists between normal offside – where a player is flagged because of active involvement irrespective of whether he touches the ball – and 'passive offside' – where a player will not be flagged despite being in an offside position if he does not touch the ball – is expected to retain some subjectivity. A case in point was the goal scored by Ecuador against the Netherlands that was eventually disallowed; the player was in an offside position and did not touch the ball but was deemed offside for being in the goalkeeper's line of sight and thus actively involved.

How accurate is the SAOT data?

According to FiveThirtyEight, *ABC News*'s statistical analysis portal, the data transmission rate from the ball (500 frames per second or 500Hz) makes the process pretty accurate. The time between two frames is two milliseconds (1/500), which is 10 times better than a standard 50Hz video that is commonly used in High Definition monitors. Further, to synchronise the data from the ball sensor and Hawk-Eye, a Precision Time Protocol clock is used. This, Nicolas Evans, the head of football research and standards for FIFA Technology Innovation, says, gets down the precision to up to one-millionth of a second. FIFA tested the whole technology at both the 2021 FIFA Arab Cup in Qatar and the 2021 FIFA Club World Cup in Abu Dhabi.

Is the data only used for officiating?

Experts believe offside decision-making is just the starting point and the wealth of tracking data will soon be used by coaches for tactical analyses and gauging individual athlete performances. The metrics can also be useful for scouting good players, similar to what Second Spectrum tracking does in the NBA. Hawk-Eye, in fact, has been in use in tennis since 2006. Though it was first employed to decide close line calls, the positional information is a treasure trove for players and coaches looking for data on ball trajectories, movement, distances covered and the pace of the court among others. SAOT is expected to aid such statistical thinking and data mining in football, in line with what is increasingly the Moneyball era of sports.

THE GIST

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Why was Google sued for its location tracking practices?

How did Google's settlement with the Attorney-Generals of 40 U.S. States make history? How is the tech giant planning to improve its privacy features with respect to location tracking disclosures?

Abhishek Chatterjee

The story so far:

On November 14, Google reached an agreement with the Attorney-Generals of 40 U.S. States to pay a historic $391.5 million settlement, over its location tracking practices, *Associated Press* reported. The multi-million dollar settlement, which was led by Oregon AG Ellen Rosenblum and Nebraska AG Doug Peterson, is the largest attorney general-led consumer privacy settlement.

What is the lawsuit about?

Google was found to violate state consumer protection laws by misleading its users about its location tracking practices since at least 2014. The company misled consumers into thinking they had turned off location tracking, when, in fact, the company continued to collect their location information and use that for advertising. "They have been crafty and deceptive," Oregon Attorney-General Rosenblum said in a release. "For years Google has prioritised profit over their users' privacy," she added. Location data is a key part of Google's digital advertising business. The company uses the personal and behavioural data it collects to build detailed user profiles and target them with ads. In fact, location data is among the most sensitive and valuable personal information Google collects. Even a limited amount of location data can expose a person's identity, routines, and can be used to infer personal details, the release noted.

When was it sued?

The states' investigation was triggered by an *Associated Press* story in 2018, which found that Google continued to track people's location data even after they turned off location tracking by disabling a feature called "location history." Arizona Attorney-General Mark Brnovich filed the first state action against Google in May 2020 when he slammed the company for misleading its users. Google settled the case with Arizona for $85 million last month. Yet by then, Attorney-Generals of other states and the District of Columbia filed their individual lawsuits against the search giant for deceiving users.

What does this mean for Google?

As part of the settlement, Google has agreed to significantly improve its location tracking disclosures and user controls starting next year. The company has also been asked to be more transparent about its practices. Google must show additional information to users whenever they turn a location-related account setting 'on' or 'off'. The company is not allowed to hide any key information about location tracking to its users and it must give them details about the types of location data it collects and how it is used, at an enhanced "Location Technologies" webpage.

Will Google make any changes?

The company is creating a single, comprehensive information hub to highlight key location settings and help people make informed choices about their data. Google will put additional disclosures on their Activity controls and Data & Privacy pages. "We will be making updates in the coming months to provide even greater controls and transparency over location data," Google said in a blog post. The search giant will also allow its users to easily turn off their Location History and Web & App Activity settings and delete their past data. The company will continue to delete Location History data for users who have not recently contributed new Location History data to their account. For users setting up new accounts, the company will provide a more detailed explanation of what Web & App Activity is, what information it includes, and how it helps their Google experience, the company said in the blog.

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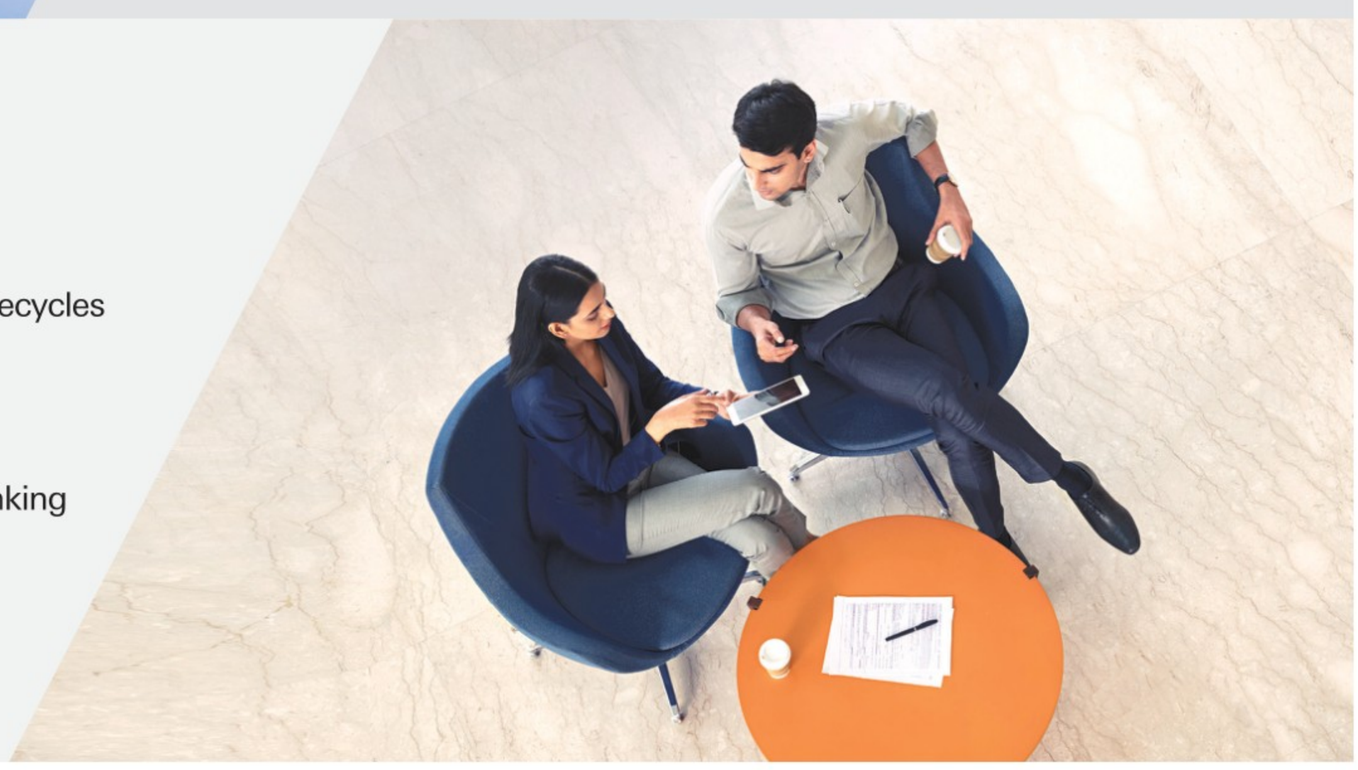

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Voter data 'theft': NGO seeks social audit of electoral database

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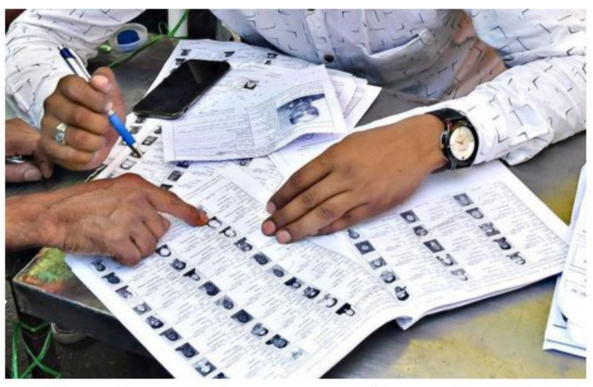

According to the Citizens' Commission on Elections, there is a precedent of holding a social audit of electoral rolls. FILE PHOTO

Amidst allegations of theft of voters' data in Bengaluru, the Citizens' Commission on Elections, an NGO, on Monday, wrote to the Election Commission requesting to order and facilitate a statewide social audit of the electoral database of Karnataka.

The NGO, based in New Delhi, is chaired by former Supreme Court judge Justice (retd.) Madan Lokur. The members include Justice (retd.) Hariparanthaman, former Madras High Court judge, former IAS officers Sundar Burra and M.G. Devasahayam, and several academicians and journalists.

In a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners, Mr. Devasahayam, Chief Coordinator of the NGO, wrote, "Since there was a significant delay in ECI intervening in the matter after media exposure, Bengaluru electoral rolls became a slugfest between political parties. We even witnessed the spectacle of the Chief Minister, of Karnataka ordering inquiries left, right, and centre forcing the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) to call for order through a statement emphasising that electoral rolls are the responsibility of ECI and nobody can hijack this. All these have caused serious doubts as to the integrity of the electoral rolls of Karnataka. And what ECI has done so far is too little, too late. The situation needs to be repaired urgently if public confidence in the electoral rolls is to be restored."

According to the letter, social audits are an extremely important citizen monitoring tool that can be used to involve voters in cross-checking their own information as well as that of bogus names and duplicates in their area.

"It will also help and show that no voter is left behind. It must be noted that social audits are regularly and extensively used to cross-verify vast social sector programmes, such as MGNREGA and NFSA," Mr. Devasahayam added.

"We strongly believe that this is the best way to further verify the sanctity of the electoral rolls by involving all people in a practical mode and not just exclusive groups, like the NGO that was given the contract for doing the SVEEP exercise and misused the data they collected. This exercise would not only allow people to correct their roles but also get educated in the process, and therefore be the best kind of 'Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP)'. It would allow voters to register their names in the electoral rolls, make corrections if any of their existing particulars in the electoral rolls, and deletion of names of shifted and deceased family members. (the purpose of SVEEP as stated by the ECI)," the letter stated.

According to the Citizens' Commission on Elections, there is a precedent of holding such a social audit of electoral rolls.

In 2003-04, the ECI, at the insistence of civil society, ordered such an exercise in the State of Rajasthan. This had a salutary effect in the sense that over 15 lakh names were corrected during the exercise, according to the letter.

Woman from Kerala raped by bike taxi driver and associate

She had booked the bike to go to her friend's place; accused were arrested within two hours of the incident being reported

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 23-year-old woman was allegedly raped by a bike taxi driver and his associate when she availed of the service to get dropped at her friend's place in Electronics City on Friday night. The victim, a freelance employee from Kerala, had come to the city on work. After the meeting, the victim booked the bike taxi. The accused, who stayed close to the destination, took advantage of the situation and went to his girlfriend's house before calling his associate, a mobile phone mechanic, and the duo raped her, said the police.

The victim's friends, along with others, tried to search for her, but in vain. The next morning, she was found by her friends. The victim was later taken to a hospital, where the doctors examined her and informed the police. C.K. Baba, DCP, south east division, and his team, tracked down the accused, based on the booking details, and arrested them within two hours of the incident being reported.

The police are now checking the background of the accused to ascertain whether they were involved in similar offences.

"We urge people, especially women who are alone, to be cautious and careful, while booking any conveyance, especially bike taxis late in the night. Even if they do, they should share travel details with their family and friends," Mr. Baba said.

Office in-charge of Mahadevapura branch of Chilume trust arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Halasuru Gate police on Monday arrested Anil Kumar, office in-charge of the Mahadevapura branch of the Chilume Educational Cultural and Rural Development Trust.

According to the police, the accused was allegedly supervising the survey and also coordinating between the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike officials and the trust.

He is the 12th person to be arrested in connection with the case so far.

The accused was taken into custody for questioning.

45-year-old techie held for killing daughter in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru police arrested a 45-year-old software engineer who allegedly killed his two-year-old daughter claiming that he did not have money to feed her.

The accused, Rahul Parmar, is a native of Gujarat. He attempted to end his life after killing his daughter, but later went around Karnataka before police caught up with him.

Earlier, police had found the body of the child in a lake in Kendatti village in Kolar district on November 26. A car was also found on the bank of the lake.

According to the police, Rahul and his daughter Jiya went missing on November 15. Rahul's wife, Bhavana, filed a missing complaint at Bagalur police station on November 16.

Police learnt that Rahul had been unemployed for the last six months, and had incurred financial losses in his bitcoin business.

Earlier, Rahul had filed a complaint at Bagalur police station about the theft of gold jewellery from his house. He used to go to the police station to follow-up on his complaint. However, the investigation revealed that he had taken the valuables and filed a false complaint. Police had summoned him for questioning, and since then, he was missing, said sources in the police.

Inebriated man loses ₹70,000

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 30-year-old man, who had borrowed ₹70,000 for a medical emergency, lost the money while he was in an inebriated state in Shivajinagar recently.

The victim, Sheikh Shahid, 30, a resident of Austin Town, had borrowed the money from a private money lender to give it to his relative admitted in a hospital in Shivajinagar.

While on the way to the hospital, he stopped at a wine shop for couple of drinks and slept on the footpath near Shivajinagar market in an inebriated state after parking his bike. A few hours later, when he checked his pocket, the cash was missing.

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BBMP association alleges 'harassment' of officials

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Officers and Employees' Association is planning to seek anticipatory bail for 15 Revenue officials of the BBMP who are likely to be arrested.

The association has handed over a letter to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai for intervention in the investigation.

A. Amruth Raj, president of BBMP Officers and Employees' Association, said multiple agencies were conducting investigation into the alleged scandal and Revenue officers, especially those conducting Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) activities, have complained to the association alleging harassment. "Many officials have been complaining that they are unnecessarily dragged into the controversy just because they followed the higher-ups' order. We are also planning to seek anticipatory bail for 15 officials tomorrow," he added.

Meanwhile, the State government appointed BBMP SWM Special Commissioner Harish Kumar as Special Commissioner Administration, after S. Rangappa was suspended in relation to the case.

Ujjwal Kumar Ghosh, Commissioner of Treasuries, Bengaluru, has been transferred and posted as Special Commissioner (Elections), BBMP, Bengaluru.

HC directs BBMP not to lay track for toy train within 30 metres of Mallathahalli lake

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the Bruhat Bangalore Mahahagara Palike (BBMP) not to lay the tracks for toy train within 30 metres from the outer boundary wall of Mallathahalli lake.

A Division Bench, comprising Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty, issued the direction on a PIL petition filed by Geetha Misra, a city-based social worker.

Pointing out that Section 12 (3) of the Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority Act, 2014, prohibits any construction or any commercial or recreational or industrial activity within 30 metres from the outer boundary of tanks, the Bench said that the BBMP cannot go ahead with the proposed project of laying track.

Though it was contended by the BBMP that the work of laying down track for toy train has been undertaken after obtaining permission from the State government and the Lake Development Authority in terms of the Section 12(6) of the Act, the Bench refused to accept it, while observing that the construction of the track cannot be considered to be allied works related to lake within the meaning of Section 12 (6) of the Act.

Earlier, the BBMP gave an undertaking to the court that work of construction a glass house, a hanging bridge, and a pathway bridge had been put on hold and the BBMP would not carry out the aforesaid construction activity without leave of the court.

The Bench directed the BBMP not to undertake the works without obtaining the leave of the court.

Meanwhile, the Bench permitted the BBMP to carry on the work of diversion of solid waste, leachate/sewage water flowing into the lake in question by construction of storm-water drain and other development works in terms of permission granted by the State government.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, PRAMIT Jaychand Bafna, R/a No.5, Jal Ashray, 8th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore-560047 have changed my minor Daughter name from Mishka to Mishka Bafna vide affidavit dt: 28.11.2022 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru

I, MANGALA, W/o. Kodanda, R/at No. 91, Suddagunta Palya, C.V.Raman Nagar, Bengaluru-560093 have changed my name from Mangala to Mangala Kodanda vide affidavit dated 28/11/2022 before Notary Uday Kumar.K, Bengaluru.

I, NARAYANAMMA, W/o.Yallappa Muniswamappa, R/at No.10, Temple Road, Thigala Chowdadenahalli, Dommasandra, Bengaluru-562125, Presently camp at Bengaluru, have changed my name from Narayanamma to Narayanamma Yallappa vide affidavit dated 28/11/2022 before Notary Uday Kumar.K, Bengaluru.

I, PAULINE, W/o. E.V. Paul, R/at No. O-202, 1st Floor, Vaishnavi Rathnam, S.M. Road, Near Jalahalli Cross, T.Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560057 have changed my name from Pauline to Pauline Paul vide affidavit dated 28/11/2022 before Notary Uday Kumar.K, Bengaluru.

I, PRIYANKA, R/at No.19, Vaishnavi Prime, 2nd Floor, No.208, Opp. Syndicate ATM, Andree Road, Shantinagar, Bangalore-560027, have changed my name from Priyanka to Priyanka Mehtha Promod Kumar vide affidavit dated 25-11/2022 before Notary K.V.Mani, Bengaluru.

I, YALLAPPA, S/o Muniswamappa, R/at No.35, Thigala Chowdadenahalli, Dommasandra, Bengaluru-562125, Presently camp at Bengaluru, have changed my name from Yallappa to Yallappa Muniswamappa vide affidavit dated 28/11/2022 before Notary Uday Kumar.K, Bengaluru.

I, SIDHANT, R/o D3, 28/25, Sapthagiri Residency, KV layout, Jayanagar 4th block east, Bengaluru-560011 have changed my name to Sidhanth Dwarkanath vide affidavit dt: 28.11.2022 sworn before Notary Meera H, B'luru

I, RADHA Iyengar, R/o J-506, Brigade Gateway Aptms, 26/1, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Bengaluru-560055 have changed my name to B R V.Radha vide affidavit dt: 28.11.2022 sworn before Notary Meera.H, B'luru

I, S.SHARATH Kumar, R/a No.328, GF/A Rajeshwari Regency, 18th Cross, ideal Home Township, R.R.Nagar, Bangalore-560098 have changed my minor Daughter's name from Vanisha to Vanisha Sharath vide affidavit dt: 25.11.2022 sworn before Notary A.Manjula, B'lore.

I, VANITHA Sharath Kumar, R/a No.328, GF/A Rajeshwari Regency, 18th Cross, ideal Home Township, R.R.Nagar, Bangalore-560098 have changed my name to Vanitha Sharath vide affidavit dt: 28.11.2022 sworn before Notary A.Manjula, B'lore.

I, SEETHAL Mukkatira Madappa ,W/O Kiran Moodera Muthanna Subbaiah ,R/O No 235, 5th B Main, 2nd Block, HRBR Layout, Blr–43.have changed my name as "Sheethal Mukkatira Madappa" vide afdvt dtd 28/11/2022.

I, A Manju D/o Anandhan Eswaran W/o P Jackson, R/o: #9, 1 St Main, 2 Nd A Cross, Muneshwara Layout, Kodi Chikkanahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560068 have changed my minor Daughter name to Chinnu Jackson for all purposes in future

I, SUMITHRA, R/o No.11, 1st Main, 1st Stage, 6th Phase, Mahaganapathi Nagar, Bangalore-560010 have changed my name to Sumithra Kishore vide affidavit dt: 28.11.2022 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

I, HEMANT HARIPRASAD, Son of Shri Vellapully Hariprasad, residing at Flat No.517, Kendriya Vihar, Yelahanka, Bangalore 560064, have changed my name to HEMANT PRASAD, for all purposes.

I, NIVEDITA Jithin ,D/O Prabhu Kumar Raju ,R/O No 305, Laa Capitol, 4th Mn, Manjunath Nagar, RM Nagar, Blr–16. have changed my name as "Nivedita Prabhukumar" vide afdvt dtd 22/11/2022.

I, SUPRIYA Rathi, D/o. Arun Rathi, R/at No.1453, 22nd Main, 2nd Stage, Banashankari, Bengaluru-560070 have changed my name from Supriya Rathi to Supriya Sarda vide affidavit dated 28/11/2022 before Notary Uday Kumar.K, Bengaluru.

LEGAL NOTICE

DRAFT PAPER PUBLICATION
IN THE COURT OF THE LXXXVII ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-88)
Hg. 16-12-2022
COM O.S NO. 1345/2022
Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race- Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560068 through its Authorised representative.
Mr. Rohith Ali M ...Plaintiff
And:
Dr. Savitha K ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC
Defendant:
Dr. Savitha K,
D/o. Kaliappan,
Prop: Sri Sai Dental Clinic.
Aged about 40 Years,
Residing at: No. 8, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Anandpur
RM Nagar, PST Layout, T C Palya, Bengaluru-560 036.
E-Mail ID: savichethu.1981@gmail.com
...DEFENDANT
Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 14,72,338.87/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LXXXVII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-88), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 16-12-2022 at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 24th day of November, 2022 at Bangalore.
By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court,
Bengaluru
Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners, Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A',
3, Queens Road,
Bengaluru -01

DRAFT PAPER PUBLICATION
IN THE COURT OF THE LXXXVII ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-88)
COM O.S. NO. 1336/2022
BETWEEN :
M/s ICICI Bank Limited,
having its registered office at : Landmark, Race- Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 through its Authorised representative.
Mr. Rohith Ali M ...Plaintiff
And
Mayur Enterprises & another ...Defendants
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC
Defendants :
1. Mayur Enterprises,
Represented by its Proprietor Suresh Patel.
Office at: No. 58, 2nd Floor, NP Shivram, Bengaluru-560 053.
2. Suresh Patel,
S/o. Kalu Ram Patel,
Aged about 34 Years,
Residing at: No.12/1, 2nd Cross, Pipeline, Krishnappa Block, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru- 560 027.
Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 10,92,934.59/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LXXXVII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-88), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 16-12-2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 24th Day of November, 2022 at Bangalore.
By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court,
Bengaluru.
Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners, Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A',
#3, Queens Road,
Bengaluru- 01.

IN THE COURT OF THE SUB JUDGE OF METTUR
H.M.O.P.47/2022
T.K. YUVABHARATHI,
D/O. Kumar,
W/O. Manjunatha@Manjunathan,
residing at D.No.140/2-206B65A,
V.P.K. Nagar, Mettur Dam-1,
Mettur Taluk, Salem District.
-Petitioner
/Vs/
D. Manjunatha@Manjunathan,
S/o. Devaraju, residing at D.No.277,
New 163-5, Vidhya Nagar Cross,
Bettahalasur, jalahobali, Bengaluru,
Karnataka State - 562157.
-Respondent
Notice to the Respondent
The above named petitioner has filed the above original petition in H.M.O.P. 47/2022 for divorce against the respondent and the same is posted for appearance of respondent in person or pleader on 27-1-2023. On that date, if the respondent is not appeared before the Hon'ble Court, an ex-parte order will be passed against the respondent.
//By Order//
M.P. SENTHIL KUMAR, M.Sc.,B.L.,
Advocate. MS:1320/2000
Opp. Taluk Office,
Mettur Dam - 636 401.

THE COURT 73rd ADDL. OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-74)
O.S. No. 25625 of 2022
Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.
Having its Regd. Off. at Mytree Center, No. 4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068 Reptd. by its Debt Collection Manager: Sri Pramodh G S/o. Gurumallappa B.
Defendant :
Mr. Tabrez Taher,
Aged about 32 Years,
S/o. Mr. Mohammed Taher
R/at No. 7E No 3rd Street,
Nala Road Cross,
Shivajinagar,
Bangalore-560 051.
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 4,38,607/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Seven Only) together with future interest at 13.99% P.A., you are hereby summoned to appear in the court of the LXXIII Addl.City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bangalore; in person or by pleader on the 4th day of Junuary, 2023 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 21/11/22.
By Order of the Hon. Court
Deptty Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo hall Unit, Bangalore
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate,
No. 60, G-3, Ground Floor,
M.M. Complex,
Chikka Bazaar Street,
Tasker Town,
Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 051
Mob. 9902928290/7892117565

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Moving forward: Participants of the annual LGBTQIA+ Pride Parade in Bengaluru on November 27. GETTY IMAGES

In India, calls for looking beyond the binary are growing stronger

A delay in the provision of marriage rights to same-sex couples would fall foul of constitutional guarantees and judgments. It is time that India reviews its existing legal architecture in order to legalise marriages irrespective of gender identity and sexual orientation

Manuraj Shunmugasundaram

The Supreme Court on November 25 sought the government's response to pleas to allow solemnisation of same-sex marriage under the Special Marriage Act, 1954. In this article dated June 19, 2021, Manuraj Shunmugasundaram elaborates on the international precedents for same-sex marriage and calls for expanding the scope of marriage to include members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Last month, when the cases surrounding the question of same-sex marriages came up before the High Court of Delhi, the Union Government was found to be dithering. The Solicitor General of India made himself available only to request the court to have the matter adjourned on the ground that it was not urgent. Though the Union Government argued that the matter was not important in the context of the second wave of COVID-19 cases, it overlooked the basic notion that the plight of persons in same-sex and queer relationships looking after each other – without the legal protection of marital relationships – was exacerbated by the pandemic. In any case, it is a matter of some concern that the Union Government does not find urgency in a matter of extending civil rights to a class of persons who have approached a constitutional court. Nevertheless, given the march of law – both international and domestic – in the direction of expanding human rights, jurisprudence necessarily means that the provision of marriage rights to same-sex and queer couples is only a matter of time. Any further delay in doing so would fall foul of our constitutional guarantees, judgments rendered by various High Courts and evolving international jurisprudence. The last two decades have witnessed tremendous progress in establishing civil rights for the LGBTQIA+ community.

International jurisprudence

In 2005, the Constitutional Court of South Africa in the case of *Minister of Home Affairs and Another vs Fourie and Another; Lesbian and Gay Equality Project and Eighteen Others vs Minister of Home Affairs and Others [2005] ZACC 19* , unanimously held that the common law definition of marriage i.e. "a union of one man with one woman" was inconsistent with the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996. Consequently, the Parliament of South Africa was given 12 months to amend the Marriage Act 25 of 1961, failing which the Marriage Act would stand amended, by virtue of the decision of the Constitutional Court, to include the words "or spouse" after the words "or husband". As a result of the verdict, the Civil Union Act, 2006 was enacted, enabling the voluntary union of two persons above 18 years of age, by way of marriage.

In 2007 in Australia, the reforms to civil rights of queer community were prompted by the Honourable Michael Kirby (then judge of the High Court of Australia) writing to the Attorney-General of Australia asking for the judicial pension scheme to be extended to his gay partner of 38 years (at that time). After initial opposition from the Federal Government, the Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws - General Law Reform) Act 2008 came to be enacted to provide provide equal entitlements for same-sex couples in matters of, inter alia , social security, employment and taxation.

Similarly, in England and Wales, the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 enabled same-sex couples to marry in civil ceremonies or with religious rites.

More recently, in 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States decided that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples. The case of *Obergefell vs Hodges* ushered in a landmark shift in the American position and allowing same-sex marriages to be recognised and treated on a par with opposite-sex marriages.

While doing so, the Supreme Court of the United States held the denial of marriage rights to same-sex couples to be a "grave and continuing harm, serving to disrespect and subordinate gays and lesbians". Across the world, the recognition of the unequal laws discriminating against the LGBTQIA+ community has acted as a trigger to reform and modernise legal architecture to become more inclusive and equal.

Courts and civil rights

In India, marriages solemnised under personal laws such as the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 , Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 , Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Application Act, 1937 and so on. At present, though same-sex and queer marriages are not clearly recognised in India, we are not bereft of judicial guidance.

In the case of *Arunkumar and Sreeja vs The Inspector General of Registration and Ors.* [W.P.(MD)No. 4125 of 2019 & W.P.(MD)No. 3220 of 2019], the Madurai Bench of the High Court of Madras employed a beneficial and purposive interpretation holding that the term 'bride' under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 includes transwomen and intersex persons identifying as women. Therefore, a marriage solemnised between a male and a transwoman, both professing the Hindu religion, is deemed to be a valid marriage under the Act. The import of this judgment cannot be overstated as it expands the scope of a term used in the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 in a progressive manner and sets the stage for re-imagining marriage rights of the LGBTQIA+ community.

The judgment of the Madras High Court builds on the tenets laid down by the Supreme Court of India in *Shafin Jahan vs Asokan K.M. and Others AIR 2018 SC 1933* (Hadiya case), wherein the right to choose and marry a partner was considered to be a constitutionally guaranteed freedom. By doing so, the Supreme Court held that the "intimacies of marriage lie within a core zone of privacy, which is inviolable" and that "society has no role to play in determining our choice of partners".

The only logical interpretation from reading these cases together, it is apparent that any legal or statutory bar to same-sex and queer marriages must necessarily be held to be unconstitutional and specifically violative of Articles 14, 15 and 21 of the Constitution of India. No longer can the position of the Union Government that marriage is a bond between "a biological man and a biological woman" be tenable.

Expanding scope of marriage

The domain of marriages, including religious marriages, cannot be immune to reform and review. Self-respect marriages were legalised in Tamil Nadu (and subsequently, in Puducherry) through amendments to the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.

Self-respect marriages, commonly conducted among those who are part of the Dravidian Movement, have done away with priests and religious symbols such as fire or saptapadi . Instead, solemnisation of self-respect marriages only requires an exchange of rings or garlands or tying of the mangalsutra. Such reform of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 to bring self-respect marriages under its very umbrella, is seen as a strong move towards breaking caste-based practices within the institution of marriage.

Similarly, understanding the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community today, the law must now expand the institution of marriage to include all gender and sexual identities.

At least 29 countries in the world have legalised same-sex marriage.

It is time that India thinks beyond the binary and reviews its existing legal architecture in order to legalise marriages irrespective of gender identity and sexual orientation.

Manuraj Shunmugasundaram is Spokesperson, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam and Advocate, High Court of Madras. Inputs from Vadhana Bhaskar, advocate

THE DAILY QUIZ

The iconic club FC Barcelona was born on November 29, 1899. Here's a quiz on all things related to the club

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Srinivasan Ramani

QUESTION 1
This footballer is one among a handful of players who played for both Real Madrid and FC Barcelona. He later on went on to coach the latter and while doing so, won the club's fifth Champions League title. Name him.

QUESTION 2
This former FC Barcelona president was a newspaper owner, activist and a Republican sympathiser, who was shot dead by General Franco's troops while serving as the president of the club. A Catalan icon, name him.

QUESTION 3
A former player who still ranks in the top 10 appearances for the club and a former manager who also assisted football great Johann Cruyff when he coached FC Barcelona, this person is more famous for scouting and recruiting Lionel Messi to the club. Name him.

QUESTION 4
Apart from the person mentioned in Question 1, only one more coach has won the FIFA Coach of the Year award while managing FC Barcelona. He was also a former player who was part of the 1992 Champions League (then European Club) triumph for the club. Name him and also the only goal scorer in the final of the 1992 Champions League (who also went on to coach the club later)

QUESTION 5
This player played a record 55 consecutive unbeaten games between the 2010-11 and 2011-12 seasons when the coach in Question 4 was managing the team. Name this legendary midfielder.

Visual question:
Name this FC Barcelona legend who represented three countries in international football — Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Spain. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The British East India company set up its first Factory in India here. **Ans: Surat**
2. Alamgir was better known by this name. **Ans: Aurangazeb**
3. This market in Ahmedabad is kept open 24 hours during this International Festival. **Ans: Patang Bazar, the International Kite Festival Week**
4. These Gujarati communities are credited for keeping their folk music tradion alive. **Ans: Charans and Gadhavis**
5. This ancient city has the oldest known port/dock. **Ans: Lothal**
6. This historical location appears on the logo of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation. **Ans: Teen Darwaza**
Visual: This is a famous snack combo from Gujarat. **Ans: Fafda and Jileabi**
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Mr. A. Senthil Kumaran of Wadapalli wants to know the difference between 'dinner' and 'supper', sir."

"This is a difficult question to answer. Let me try. 'Dinner' is 'a formal meal with several courses' and is generally eaten in the evening. A banquet given in honour of a person or an event is also called dinner. 'Supper' is what we eat everyday in the evening. It is 'less substantial and less formal than dinner'. 'Supper' is the last meal of every day and it is usually right. Having said this, I should like to add that in the rural areas of Britain and America, the main meal of the day taken at mid-day is called dinner. In the urban areas, people take their 'lunch' at noon. In our country, some States provide mid-day meal or noon meal to school children. Perhaps the authorities feel that dinner is too grand a word and lunch too small for the food they give. 'Meal' sounds more substantial than 'lunch'. Please note that the words 'dinner', 'lunch', 'supper' and 'break-fast' are generally used without the articles.

Breakfast will be served at eight.
Lunch was served late.
You are invited to dinner."

"Mr. George Sebastian of Bangalore wants to know whether 'alright' is all right."

" 'Alright' is extensively used but most educated people disapprove it. It has been formed on the analogy of 'altogether' and 'already'. 'Alright' may eventually be accepted but at the moment it is considered non-standard. So please write 'all right' and not 'alright'. Otherwise, you will be considered ignorant. 'All right' has several meanings. 'He is working all right' means that he is working satisfactorily. 'All right let's begin' means 'Very well, let's begin'. 'He is a fool all right' means 'he is definitely a fool'. 'He was depressed last week and now he is all right' means that he was depressed last week but now he is OK."

"Mr. C. R. P. Vithal of Hubli wants to know the pronunciation of 'bouquet', sir."

"It is pronounced 'bookay' by some and 'bukay' by others, 'boo' rhymes with too' and 'kay' rhymes with 'say'. The 'u' in 'bukay' is pronounced like the 'u' in 'pull', full', and 'butt'. The stress can be either on the first syllable or the second syllable. The final 't' in 'bouquet' is silent.

A bouquet is 'a bunch of flowers fastened together'. A bouquet is generally presented to someone you respect or love. Figuratively it means 'a compliment'.

She received bouquets for her performance.

A 'brickbat' is a piece of brick used as a missile. Figuratively it means 'an uncomplimentary remark'.

He expected bouquets for his speech but got only brickbats.

Let's stop here. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

Word of the day

Excogitate:
come up with (an idea, plan, explanation, theory, or principle) after a mental effort

Synonyms: forge, contrive, invent, devise, formulate

Usage:
After months of pouring over the readings, she has excogitated an abstract for her thesis.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/excogitatepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: ɛksˈkɒdʒɪˌteɪt

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TUESDAY, NOV. 29	
RISE 06:25	SET 17:51
RISE 11:41	SET 23:30
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30	
RISE 06:25	SET 17:51
RISE 12:28	SET 00:00
THURSDAY, DEC. 01	
RISE 06:26	SET 17:51
RISE 13:11	SET 00:26

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	32	22
Mysuru	30	19
Bengaluru	28	20

Bengaluru Today
27°C The weather will be comfortable but humid. Night will be cool. Spell of light rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C A mostly dry weather to prevail. Day will be comfortable but humid. Night remains cool.

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People above 30 to be screened for diabetes at Namma Clinics

According to data from the State Health Department, 49.6% of target population has been screened for diabetes so far

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In view of the preventable risk factors for non-communicable diseases (NCDs), the State Health Department is all set to start screening all those aged above 30 years for diabetes. The screening will be done at the soon-to-be launched Namma Clinics.

According to data from National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), the prevalence of diabetes mellitus (DM) and hypertension (HTN) in Karnataka is 14.8% and 25.9% respectively.

While the prevalence of stroke is 150 per lakh population, cancer contributes for 8.1% of the total deaths with a rate of 126 per million population.

One of the units of Namma Clinic to be launched in Mysuru.

Under the National Programme for prevention and control of cancers, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and stroke (NPCDCS), 75% of the State's 6,75,15,000 population has been enrolled in the NCD app and 55% of the target population (2,49,80,550 people) have been screened for NCDs in the last three years.

According to data from the State Health Department, while 49.6% of the target population in the State has been screened for diabetes so far, 1.72% has been diagnosed with diabetes as of November 28. Likewise, 49.8% of the population has been screened for HTN and 2.64% has been diagnosed with it. Nearly 98% of all those who have been diagnosed are under treatment.

In terms of prevalence of the three most common cancers, while 48.9% and 24% of the population has been screened for oral cancer and breast cancer respectively, 0.01% has been diagnosed with both these cancers.

Speaking at the Arogya City summit organised by the Rotary (District 3190), the Arogya World, and the Bangalore Political Action Committee (BPAC), Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar on Monday said the State would start screening everyone above 30 years for diabetes at the 438 Namma Clinics that will start functioning soon.

The summit, held to mark the start of a movement to reduce the growth of NCDs in the city, called upon the city's corporates, entrepreneurs, NGOs and educational institutions to accept the challenge towards making Bengaluru India's first Arogya City.

INBRIEF

Gramasamvesditha programme conducted

The School of Management, Kristu Jayanti College, Autonomous, Bengaluru, on November 24 and 25, organised Gramasamvesditha - rural immersion programme. The programme aimed at creating responsible leaders by providing value-based education; and to make a meaningful contribution to the region.

According to a release from the college, students were involved in various participatory rural appraisal methodologies.

Power shutdown

There will be intermittent power supply on Tuesday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the areas serviced from 66/11 kV KHB sub station in view of maintenance works.

According to a release from Bescom, the affected areas are: Doddaballapur Main Road, Chikkabommasandra Main Road, Sharada Nagara, B Sector, Chikka Muniyappa Layout, Allalasandra, GKVK Layout, 4th and 5th Phases, Industrial Area, Ramagondanahalli, IVRI Road, Puttenahalli, KHB Colony, Surabhi Layout, Raithara Santhe, Shivanahalli, Gandhinagara, B.B. Road, Yelahanka Old Town, Hosabeedi and surrounding areas.

There will also be disruption in power supply on November 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the following areas in view of carrying out hotline observations and quarterly maintenance works.

According to a release the areas to be affected are: 66/11 kV Devarabisanahalli MUSS (November 29): Bellandur, RMZ, Devarabisanahalli, Kariyammanapalya, and surrounding areas; 66/11 kV Soudela MUSS (November 30): Vishwapriya Layout, Begur Koppa Road, Devarachikkanahalli, Akshayanagara, Tejaswinin Nagara, and surrounding areas.

Karnataka curriculum to have 70:30 ratio of NCERT and State syllabus

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Following instructions of the national curriculum under the National Education Policy (NEP), the Department of School Education and Literacy has decided to frame the State curriculum with 70% of 'National Council of Educational Research and Training' (NCERT) and 30% of State syllabus.

The Department of School Education and Literacy is planning to release the early child education or foundation education curriculum by the first week of December. FILE PHOTO

The department is planning to release the early child education or foundation education curriculum by the first week of December. The State government is planning to implement the NEP-2022 in primary education from the academic year of 2023-24. The Union government and the Minister of School Education and Literacy has sent the national curriculum framework for the State to follow. The national curriculum has instructed to consider 30% State curriculum syllabus. According to this, the department is following NCERT and State syllabus method with 70:30 ratio for primary and secondary education.

Only two textbooks - alphabetic learning and numerical numbers learning - have been prescribed for students of Classes I and II. Importance will be given to regional issues in the curriculum, and mothertongue will be the medium of instruction up to Class II.

Speaking to The Hindu, B.C. Nagesh, Minister for School Education and Literacy, said: "We must follow the instructions of the national curriculum to frame our State curriculum under the NEP. According to this, we decided to frame our State curriculum by 70:30 ratio of NCERT and State syllabus."

"According to the NEP, early child education will be started from the age of 3. Various research reports stated that 80% of the brain will be developed within the age of 6. During this age, we should be not put pressure on the minds of young children," he added.

II PU examination in State from March 9 to 29

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The II pre-university (PU) examination will be conducted from March 9 to March 29, 2023. The Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board announced the final timetable on Monday.

The examination will be held between 10.15 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. Kannada and Arabic will be held first on Friday. Sociology, Electronics and Computer Science are the last exams to be conducted.

Earlier, the Department of Pre-University Education had planned to conduct the examination from March 10 to March 29, 2023.

The new board was formed after merging the SSLC and the PU boards and creating a new Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board, which was in accordance with the New Education Policy, 2020.

II PU Examination Timetable

09/03/2023	Kannada, Arabic
11/03/2023	Mathematics, Education
13/03/2023	Economics
14/03/2023	Carnatic Music, Hindustani Music, Psychology, Chemistry, Basic Maths
15/03/2023	Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Marathi, Urdu, Sanskrit, French
16/03/2023	Logic, Business Studies
17/03/2023	Information Technology, Retail, Automobile, Health Care, Beauty and Wellness
18/03/2023	Geography, Biology
20/03/2023	History, Physics
21/03/2023	Hindi
23/03/2023	English
25/03/2023	Political Science, Statistics
27/03/2023	Optional Kannada, Accountancy, Geology, Home Science
29/03/2023	Sociology, Electronics and Computer Science

Manual launched for human-snake conflicts

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BENGALURU

The Forest Department on Monday published an operational manual for certified snake rescuers.

Titled *Effective Human-Snake Conflict Management and Mitigation- An Operation Manual for Certified Snake Rescuers*, it aims to regulate the growing instances of human-snake conflicts in a better manner.

Human-snake conflicts are said to be the highest by volume when compared to conflicts with species such as tigers, leopards, elephants, and bears, combined.

Every day across the country, lakhs of individuals and families encounter snakes in their daily lives, especially farmers.

Speaking at the launch of the guidelines, Vijaykumar Gogi, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), said: "These guidelines and certification programmes to follow are the need of the hour in the State. Recognising the need for this, we have invited eminent herpetologists such as Romulus Whitaker, Gerard Martin, and Sumanth Bindumadhav to draft these guidelines after conducting the required consultation with various other snake rescuers in the State as well. We will launch this programme systematically with the intention of recognising, validating, and certifying all well intentioned rescuers in the State soon and set an example for other States".

Wildlife hunting among villagers on the rise

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government announced setting up a task force to check on the menace of wild elephants, following the attack on MLA M.P. Kumaraswamy in Mudigere taluk of Chikkamagaluru by villagers over the death of a woman in an elephant attack.

But conservationists are pointing out how the State government has ignored the burning issue of man-animal conflicts, even as wildlife hunting continues unabated in villages bordering forest areas.

Recently, a group of wildlife activists, along with CID forest cell officials, arrested three men trying to sell canine and nails of a leopard in Halebid in Hassan district.

The team later recovered the carcass of a leopardess, a snare, and a wooden log, used to bludgeon the animal to death, buried in a cow dung pit in the farmhouse of the accused.

The accused Ravi Kumar, a farmer from Kommaranahalli near Halebid in Hassan, had allegedly killed the leopardess, which entered his farmhouse to eat chickens. Officials said that habitats are turning into areas with less prey, forcing wild animals to come into villages for food. This is a classic case of man-animal conflicts, which need immediate attention, a wildlife activist said.

Villagers are using a novel method to hunt down animals. A few days ago, Chitradurga forest officials busted a racket and arrested a gang of five villagers who were hunting pangolins in the forest, using stray dogs.

Explaining the modus operandi, the officials said due to the increase in demand of scales, many villagers get into illegal hunting and train stray dogs. The villagers feed the meat to the dogs and train them to dig out hollow trees or burrows. After hunting the animal, the accused would then dip the carcass in boiling water to remove the scales and nails, and then consume the flesh.

The officials are now tracking the network.

No signs of majesty now in Mysuru's iconic Lalitha Mahal Palace

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

One of Mysuru's most famous landmarks on the foothills of Chamundi Hills, the iconic Lalitha Mahal Palace, is now attracting attention for the wrong reasons. Tourists and residents, who complain about the structure being in a poor condition, are urging the government to maintain the 100-year-old heritage hotel.

According to tourists and locals, the exterior of the buildings is damaged and there is little maintenance.

The iconic Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel in Mysuru is in a poor condition. DARSHAN DEVAIAH B.P.

Prasanth Kumar, a resident of Siddhartha Layout, said: "The exterior is in a bad shape. If we notice the pillars of the palace, it clearly shows that the maintenance has been skipped by the authorities. The garden area is also not being maintained".

The Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel is maintained by the Jungle Lodges and Resorts (JLR), a unit of the Karnataka Tourism Department, which runs resorts across the State.

Tourists also feel that the exterior has not been repaired and maintained well. Rajive Krishnan, a tourist from Kerala, said that he was enthusiastic to see the palace, but after seeing its, condition, felt it was pathetic.

"The authorities charge ₹100 to visit the palace, but a lack of maintenance is evident. Since it is a heritage building, the government has the responsibility to protect the structure, and at least paint the building exterior and interior well," he added.

The heritage hotel, commissioned by the then Maharaja, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, has 52 rooms which are airy and spacious, and is among the most beautiful heritage properties in Karnataka.

"However the government has to repair the damaged structures to attract tourists and reposition it as among the best hotels in the country," Prakash Subbaiah, another resident of Mysuru, said.

The hotel is currently being operated by Jungle Lodges and Resorts (JLR), which took over in 2018 from the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC).

JLR officials said that the palace has been temporarily handed over to JLR and the State government is yet to decide on handing it over to others for maintenance.

"The maintenance of the Lalitha Mahal Palace requires a lot of budget. The Cabinet has formed a sub-committee to hand over the hotel to others for maintenance, but we don't know the status," JLR Managing Director Manoj Kumar told *The Hindu*.

Another JLR official said that it requires an estimated ₹16 to ₹17 crore to repair and maintain the hotel. "This is not possible for the JLR as we don't have a such huge budget," another official said.

Fact sheet

- The palace was originally built in 1931 to serve the special guests of the maharajas
- The palace architecture was inspired by the St. Paul's Cathedral in London
- In 1974, the palace was taken over by the India Tourism Development Corporation to be run as a heritage hotel
- Apart from being one of the most preferred hotels of celebrities, politicians, film stars and foreign tourists, it is also a prominent destination for film shootings
- The hotel is also a venue for weddings and high-profile conferences

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INBRIEF

Gathering information on uniform civil code, says CM

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said in Mysuru on Monday that his government was gathering information with respect to the uniform civil code that he is yet to consult with the Home Minister. The BJP has been in favour of the code in India for the last three decades, he said, adding that a few States had formed committees to implement it.

IAF Training Command chief visits Command Hospital

Air Marshal Manavendra Singh, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Training Command IAF, visited Command Hospital Air Force, Bengaluru, and its Lodger Units on Monday. The Air Marshal reviewed various medical and training infrastructure/facilities available at the institutes. In his address to the station personnel, he appreciated the entire medical team for providing the highest quality of healthcare and imparting training thereon.

Applications invited for the posts of Vice-Chancellor

The Department of Higher Education, Government of Karnataka, has invited applications for the posts of first Vice-Chancellor for the newly constituted seven universities in Chamarajanagar, Bidar, Haveri, Hassan, Kodagu, Koppal, and Bagalkot districts. Details can be obtained from the Higher Education Department website https://hed.karnataka.gov.in/

Persons with disability and caregivers stage protest

A large number of disabled persons and caregivers from Mandya, Udupi, Uttara Kannada, and North Karnataka regions participated in a protest organised by the Karnataka State Disabled and Caregivers Federation on Monday. According to a release, they demanded, among others, that the monthly pension to disabled persons be increased from ₹3,000 to ₹5,000.

Over 30% of RO plants installed in State violating guidelines: KEA report

As many as 2,195 RO plants have been set up without certification from water testing labs; committee was set up in 2020 after allegations of a scam surfaced in the installation of plants

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In what raises questions over the impunity with which guidelines have been violated in setting up reverse osmosis (RO) drinking water plants across the State, an internal report of the State government shows more than 30% of the over 25,000 RO plants were installed violating one or many guidelines.

The violations include installation of the water plants without laboratory certifications, units being installed without calling tenders, installing at a cost higher than the fixed price, and use of non BIS/ISO equipment in the RO units.

These revelations have come in a report prepared by the Karnataka Evaluation Authority (KEA) that reviewed the functioning of the RO drinking water plants installed between 2013 and 2021 during which time 26,569 plants were installed. Of the total, about 569 (2.26%) of the RO plants are not functional, said the report, which was submitted to the Joint House Committee probing irregularities in RO plants recently. Out of 26,669 RO plants, information for about 25,219 plants have been submitted to the evaluation authority.

The joint house committee was set up in 2020 after allegations of a scam surfaced in installation of RO water plants in the State, and the then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa acknowledged a massive scam with the price paid to install RO plants being three to four times higher than the actual price. The report confirms those allegations and stated that cost of setting up 12,601 RO plants were above the average fixed cost, which range from ₹6.09 lakh to ₹21.15 lakh, depending on the capacity of the RO plant.

As many as 7,893 RO plants or about 32 % of the plants have been installed, violating guidelines laid down by the government for installation of a drinking water plant. The biggest violations have come in RO plants installed under Urban Development Department and Planning Department with 2,722 and 2,458, respectively. The violations include installing RO plants without certification from the laboratory (2,125), installation without calling tender (2,606), equipment not conforming to BIS/ISO guidelines (973), and units installed without Memorandum of Understanding (2,809 or 11.14 %).

However, the implementing departments or agencies have not provided details on the action taken against the violation of guidelines despite the Planning Department seeking details, the review noted.

Regarding quality of the source of water such as borewells, open wells, and others, in 19,977 sources or about 79.21%, the ROs have been installed in places where water sources are polluted. In about 3,600 sources or about 14. 27%, the source of water for RO plant is not polluted, while the details of the sources of water for 1,642 plants or about 6.51% were not provided for review.

However, the report revealed that 2,195 RO plants have been installed without certification from the water testing laboratory while this information has not been provided for 2,263 units by respective agencies, raising doubts about the certification and quality of water. In all, 20,761 units have laboratory certification.

The report noted that a total of ₹205.96 crore was collected from 19,387 units during the period.

A water ATM installed by the BBMP in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

Reverse osmosis saga from 2013 to 2021

- Total ROs installed in the State: **26,569**
- Details available for: **25,219**
- Non-functional ROs: **569**
- Units established by violating one or more guidelines: **7,893**
- Number of units installed without BIS/ISO certified equipment: **973**
- Units installed without MoUs: **2,809**
- Units installed at cost over the average: **12,601**
- Units installed without a tender: **2,602**
- Units installed without laboratory report: **2,195**
- Units installed where water source is not polluted: **3,600**
- Units for which BIS/ISO information not provided: **2,822**
- Information on MoUs not available: **4,085**
- Details not provided for revenue collection: **7,182**

Source: Karnataka Evaluation Authority report submitted to the Joint House Committee

CM to visit Delhi ahead of SC hearing on border row with Maharashtra

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MYSURU

Basavaraj Bommai

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is scheduled to meet senior counsel Mukul Rohatgi in Delhi on Tuesday to discuss Karnataka's legal approach ahead of the Supreme court hearing on the border row with Maharashtra.

Mr. Bommai, in Mysuru, told reporters that Mr. Rohatgi, who is the senior-most member of the State's panel of advocates, is already seized of the matter.

Also, Karnataka had recently appointed Justice Shivaraj Patil (retd.) as chairperson of the State's Border and River Protection Commission. "We have already held a meeting under his chairmanship to discuss the State's strategy during the Supreme Court hearing on the matter scheduled for November 30," Mr. Bommai said.

When asked for a response to the demand by certain villages in Maharashtra to be merged with Karnataka, Mr. Bommai said the matter is before the Supreme Court. He pointed out that Mr. Patil had cautioned against publicly discussing certain issues that are already before the Supreme Court, lest it proves to be counterproductive.

Mr. Bommai said he is receiving co-operation from opposition parties on issues relating to the State's border, water and land.

His visit to Delhi will include meetings with Union Ministers Piyush Goyal and Bhupendra Yadav to discuss development projects in Karnataka.

On reservation demand

Mr. Bommai said he is yet to receive a memorandum from Vokkaliga groups demanding increase in reservation for the community. The State has a Backward Classes Commission, which will have to look into this demand. "The aspirations of all the communities have increased. But, whatever we do, we have to limit ourselves to the framework of the Constitution and the law," he said.

NCC Directorate to send full contingent for R-Day parade

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With COVID-19 cases coming down, the National Cadet Corps (NCC) Directorate of Karnataka and Goa will send a full contingent to participate in next year's Republic Day parade.

The Directorate will send 111 cadets for the parade, which will be held on January 26 in Rajpath, New Delhi.

"Last year, because of COVID, the cadet strength was only 57, but now we are back to our full strength," said Air Commodore B.S. Kanwar, Deputy Director General, NCC Directorate, Karnataka and Goa. He added that the cadets are currently taking part in a preparatory camp and those heading to Delhi would be shortlisted soon.

"We plan to leave for Delhi on December 29. Unlike the last two years, this time the cadets will not be required to undergo 14-day quarantine. However, we will be taking all precautions, including testing them," he said.

Mr. Kanwar also said that at the NCC PM Rally, the cadets will display various recycled products like tiles and furniture made from plastic and waste material recovered from water bodies under the Puneet Sagar Abhiyan.

The Puneet Sagar Abhiyan is a nationwide NCC flagship programme whose aim is to educate people to clean seashores, rivers, lakes and other water bodies of plastic and other waste materials.

HC finds fault with manner of closure of complaint

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has found fault with the manner in which the Lokayukta had in 2017 accepted the recommendation of an Assistant Registrar (Enquiries) to close a complaint of alleged violations by members of the Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) of a tender floated in 2014 by the Department of Employment and Training.

The court said closure of the complaint by the Lokayukta on May 23, 2017, by approving the recommendation to close the complaint, was contrary to the law as the mandate of the Section 9(6) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984, was not complied with. It asked the Lokayukta to consider the complaint afresh.

The Lokayukta had merely written "approved" on the scrutiny note put up by the Assistant Registrar for closure of the complaint even though the Section 9(6) states that "in any case where the Lokayukta or an Upalokayukta decides not to entertain a complaint or to discontinue any investigation in respect of a complaint he shall record his reasons therefore and communicate it to the complainant and the public servant concerned.

Complaint to Lokayukta

A Division Bench comprising Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty passed the order while allowing a petition filed by Bahaadur Sethia, the proprietor of a company dealing with cooling and refrigeration system. The petitioner in April 2014 had complained to the Lokayukta about violations by the TEC in scrutinising the tender invited in January 2014 for procuring certain equipment to 28 government-run ITIs.

The Bench noted that the Assistant Registrar, in his first scrutiny report, had found that six officials had alleged guilty of dereliction of duty while setting out detailed reason. However, the Assistant Registrar later, in his second scrutiny report, had recommended closure of the complaint while stating that the complainant was making effort to ensure that other bidders are disqualified.

"The further scrutiny report [of the Assistant Registrar] is cryptic and suffers from the vice of non application of mind," the Bench observed, while restoring the complaint by quashing the second scrutiny report.

Bengaluru firm develops traceability app to help coffee growers, consumers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A coffee plantation in Mudigere taluk of Chikkamagaluru district.

Acviss Technologies has developed a no-Internet traceability blockchain-based app for the Coffee Board of India to increase the income of coffee growers in India.

The Coffee Board has been implementing this blockchain solution in Karnataka. It has noticed that the income of growers has gone up by about 43% because of this traceability app.

Improve productivity

The Board has been working with marginalised tribal coffee growers to help them improve their farm productivity and quality. With the introduction of this anti-counterfeiting technology, farmers have been able to benefit from higher incomes in their farm produce.

In the last few years, the demand for differentiated coffees with traceability features has been increasing across the world, and the specialty coffees, which can be traced back to their source, can help obtain a premium for these growers.

According to the developer of this app: "This traceability application would help reorganise the unstructured supply chain and provide transparency in transactions and thereby protect growers from fake GI tag products. Overall, it would protect farmers from any collateral damage as it comes with automated payments, insurance, and financing options. The app helps end-users locate coffees that are authentically grown and safe for consumption."

Vikas Jain, founder, of Acviss Technologies, brand protection, and consumer engagement firm, said, "We've not only built something innovative but we've also tried to make it accessible and helpful for the common man. The app we have created is very simple and does not require wi-fi. It's a user-friendly app created first and foremost for the benefit of growers."

Coffee has increasingly become a target for food fraudsters, as the commodity can be easily mixed with fillers such as corn, barley, wheat, soybeans, rice, beans, acai seed, brown sugar, or starch syrup.

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INBRIEF

SC reserves order on CBI pleas in ISRO frame-up case

The Supreme Court has reserved for orders a series of appeals filed by the CBI challenging anticipatory bail granted to former police officers accused of being part of a conspiracy to frame ISRO scientist Nambi Narayanan (in photo) in an espionage case. A Bench led by Justice M.R. Shah indicated that the case may be remanded back to Kerala High Court. Advocate Kapil Sibal urged the court to grant them protection from arrest if the case is sent back.

SC stays HC order to 'develop' Amaravati in six months

The Supreme Court on Monday stayed an Andhra Pradesh High Court direction to the State government to "construct and develop" Amaravati capital city and region within six months. A Bench issued notice and decided to examine an appeal filed by the State against the High Court's March 3 decision that it was the Centre, and not the State, which had competence to decide the site of the State Capital. The case is related to the proposed trifurcation of the governmental functions of the State.

HC grants conditional nod for Telangana BJP chief's yatra

The Telangana High Court on Monday gave green signal, with some conditions, to BJP State president and Karimnagar MP Bandi Sanjay's *Praja Sangrama* Yatra beginning from the outskirts of Bhainsa in Nirmal district on Tuesday.

The judge directed the police to make all arrangements to ensure that no untoward incident is reported.

However, the police are at liberty to take action if BJP leaders or workers violate conditions imposed by the court.

Maintain law and order at Vizhinjam, HC tells Kerala

The court sought information on the steps taken by the State government to avert tensions while Adani group's petition said that a premeditated attack was unleashed and government did not act

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Monday asked the State government to take all possible steps to ensure law and order in the Vizhinjam port area in Thiruvananthapuram district which was rocked by violence on Sunday night.

The court sought information on the steps taken by the State government to restore law and order as it considered a petition from the Adani group, which is implementing the port project.

N. Manoj Kumar, counsel for the State government, in a petition filed by the Adani group seeking police protection for its workers, informed the court that around 3,000 people had participated in the protest.

Violent protests: A KSRTC bus damaged by protesters on Sunday night at Vizhinjam in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday. S. MAHINSHA

Nearly 40 policemen were hurt in the violent incidents that took place on Sunday night. Around 500 policemen have been deployed in the area to restore peace, he informed the court.

The State government informed the court that it shall file a detailed report on the steps taken by the police to avert tension and restore law and order. The State argued that it was trying to settle the issue amicably and to avoid any untoward incidents at the project site.

The petitioners submitted that the police did not act to prevent violence. A premeditated attack was unleashed at the project site and the government machinery did not act, it said. The government even failed to issue prohibitory orders at the site, counsel argued.

The court will consider the petition on Friday.

Senior BJP leaders share dais with notorious rowdy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Senior leaders of the ruling BJP were seen sharing the dais with a notorious gangster Silent Sunil on Sunday, causing embarrassment to the party. Though it was a formal "blood donation" camp organised by the rowdy in Chamarajapet, sources said the function was mainly to use him against local MLA Zameer Ahmed Khan, who has a stronghold in the area.

Incidentally, CCB officials recently carried out surprise raids on the houses of rowdies and rounded them up for inquiry in the wake of the upcoming elections and to check on their activities, but Sunil was not present. Later, Sunil shared the dais with BJP leaders – Bengaluru Central MP P.C. Mohan, MLA Uday Garudachar and N.R. Ramesh. As the video of Silent Sunil with the BJP leaders went viral on social media, BJP leaders tried to save face. "I know Sunil is doing a lot of social work, but I don't know him as Silent Sunil," Mr. Garudhachar told the media.

Meanwhile, CCB officials clarified that Sunil was not absconding, but he was under the radar. The raid was carried out recently to keep the rowdy elements under check , but Sunil was not absconding, or summoned or wanted in any case, a police officer said. The officer further said that Sunil, like many other goons, is trying his luck in politics which need to be scrutinised by the authorities concerned.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra, reacting to the media, said that he is not aware of the incident and he will inquire into it.

Staff deputed for SilverLine recalled

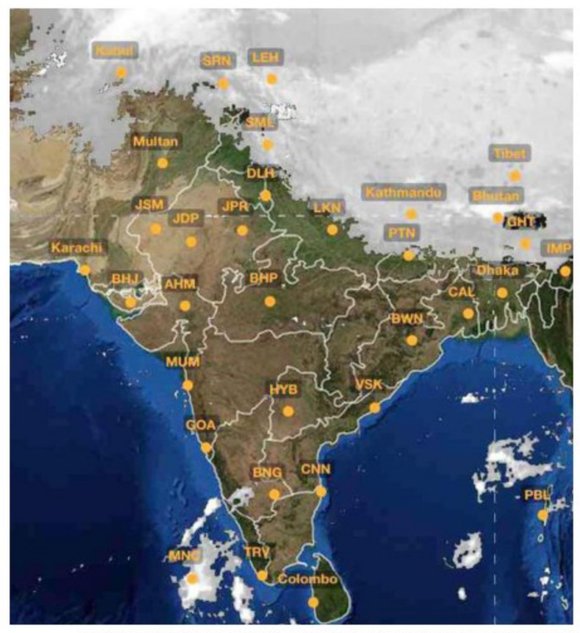
The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

In view of the inordinate delay in getting the final approval for the SilverLine project from the Centre, the Kerala government has decided to redeploy the revenue officials deputed for land acquisition for the project in 11 districts to other essential projects.

Further, the government has also decided not to issue a fresh notification for holding a social impact assessment of the project in view of the delay in getting the final nod.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Kerala and Mahe.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	30.8	17.6	Kozhikode	35	32.5	23.7
Ahmedabad	—	32.0	12.3	Kurnool	—	32.6	21.2
Aizawl	—	—	15.8	Lucknow	—	27.4	13.0
Allahabad	—	28.0	12.0	Madurai	0.1	32.2	23.1
Bengaluru	—	28.3	20.2	Mangaluru	19.9	28.1	23.4
Bhopal	—	—	10.5	Mumbai	—	33.7	20.0
Bhubaneswar	—	29.0	15.0	Mysuru	—	30.2	19.2
Chandigarh	—	26.8	10.5	New Delhi	—	26.6	8.4
Chennai	0.4	30.3	24.0	Patna	—	—	13.4
Coimbatore	—	30.5	22.2	Port Blair	0.6	31.0	24.8
Dehradun	—	27.4	10.6	Puducherry	—	31.7	23.2
Gangtok	—	17.2	9.3	Pune	—	32.0	18.7
Goa	—	31.0	24.8	Raipur	—	29.5	10.0
Guwahati	—	29.8	14.4	Ranchi	—	25.4	11.1
Hubballi	—	29.0	19.0	Shillong	—	23.2	10.5
Hyderabad	—	30.9	15.8	Shimla	—	17.0	8.4
Imphal	—	27.1	11.4	Srinagar	—	13.7	-1.8
Jaipur	—	26.9	11.8	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.7	23.6
Kochi	28	30.0	24.0	Tiruchi	—	30.1	24.4
Kohima	—	21.6	7.8	Vijayawada	—	30.6	19.5
Kolkata	—	29.2	17.0	Visakhapatnam	—	29.8	20.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.31	110	..8	 56	96	.....
Bengaluru	...8	5	46	... 209	...110	.....
Chennai	.12	..47	43	... 205	...127	.....
Delhi	.22	115	30	... 406	...321	.....
Hyderabad	...2	.47	39	... 171	...138	.....
Kolkata	.22	..81	37	... 277	...179	.....
Lucknow	.11	..91	87	... 330	...265	.....
Mumbai	.33	..75	26	... 228	...207	.....
Pune	..—	..—	.—	..... —	.....—	.....
Visakhapatnam	.27	..83	38	... 219	...202	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 457 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 21.

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No:SEE/Tr(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AE-1/F-35/22-23/3660-63 & 3664-67 Date:28.11.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bids for following works on Total Turnkey Basis. 1) Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/SEE/ TR(M)/RMGC /EE(O)/ AEE-1/2022-23/EPR-352 Dtd: 23.11.2022 for** Procurement of 600kgs(1Kg pack) of Anti Weed Chemical equivalent XLMera-71 annually to avoid weeds grown in the switchyard of 400kV Receiving Station Nelamangala in TL&SS Division, Nelamangala pertains to Ramanagara Circle. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 8,49,600/-** and EMD: **Rs.8,496/-** 2) Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/SEE/ TR(M)/RMGC /EE(O)/ AEE-1/2022-23/PIDTESTING/EPR-353 Dtd: 28.11.2022** for Conducting Live Line PID Testing/Scanning on age old 90KN Porcelain Suspension Disc Insulator strings & 120KN Porcelain Tension Disc Insulator strings of 220kV Nelamangala-Dabaspet-Kadur & Nelamangala-Nittur DC lines in TLM Jurisdiction, Nelamangala limits in TL&SS Divison Nelamangala pertains to Ramanagara Circle. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 4,86,750/-** and EMD: **Rs. 4,868/-** The detailed Notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-Procurement Portal process can be obtained by logging into KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on Hyperlink "e-procurement-KPTCL" or e-procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **16:30 Hrs. on 29.11.2022.** Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Electy), Transmission(Maint.),
Ramanagara Circle,KPTCL 220/66/11kV Vrushabhavathi Valley Station
1st Floor, Near R.R. Nagar Arch,Mysuru Road, Bengaluru-26, Tel.:080-29620155.

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, No-1 TR Division, Munirabad, Koppal (Dist.) Karnataka State, India.
Ph No. 08539-270306 E-mail:-trdmrb@gmail.com

Bid No: EE/KNNL/No.1 T R Dvn/Mrb/VVIP-2/2022-23/ 2078 Date: 17/11/2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(AS PER ADB'S SINGLE STAGE TWO ENVELOPE BIDDING PROCEDURE)

Item rate tender in the prescribed form is invited by the under signed on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India from eligible contractors for the work of **"PROVIDING ELECTRIFICATION, SANITARY, WATER SUPPLY, AND ALLIED CIVIL WORKS TO THE NEW VVIP GUEST HOUSE AT MUNIRABAD, IRRIGATION CENTRAL ZONE BY KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED (KNNL), KOPPAL DISTRICT Indent No- KNNL/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT34178)"**. The cost of amount put to tender for INR **489.92 Lakhs.** The Bid documents shall be available for download from **18.11.2022 to 02.12.2022 at 16:00 hours IST** from the web site (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). The Technical bids will be opened on **03.12.2022 at 4.30 hours IST.** Pre-bid meeting will be held at the office of the Chief Engineer, KNNL, Irrigation Central Zone, Munirabad, on **28.11.2022 at 11.00 hours IST.**
For more conditions and details visit tender section of KNNL at https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in OR at undersigned in all working days during office hours on telephone No.08539-270306/ 08539-270026, Fax No.08539-270012 and at email: trdmrb@gmail.com.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer,**
KNNL No-1 TR Division, Munirabad,
Koppal (Dist.) Karnataka, India

DIPR/KOPPAL/455/2022-23/DESHPANDE PUBLICITY

Government of Karnataka
Deputy Commissioner office,
(District Urban Development Cell) Haveri Dist,
Haveri-581110 Telephone No : 08375-249097
e-mail : dc_haveri@yahoo.co.in
No:Mun04/Tender/Vahi-1/2022-23 Date : 25-11-2022

Short Term E-Procurement Tender Notification

Inviting Item wise two cover tender is called for the mentioned Indent No : **DMA/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 142679** for CMC Haveri estimate cost value of Rs **327.09** Lakh under 2022-23 Nagarothana Phase-4 works. As per Karnataka Transperency Procurement Port Act 2000, Modification Act 2021. All the terms and conditions As per (KW-4) pertaining to this tender shall be viewed in the Website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in for further clarifications please contact District Urbon Development Cell Haveri.

DIPR/HVR/MCA/391/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DUDC, Haveri

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited
(Wholly owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN - UO4010KA2002SGC030438)

CORRIGENDUM

Adverting to BESCOM tender enquiry no.: CEE/BMANZ/ SEE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/Enq-07 call-2 dated 22.11.2022 for providing 84 numbers of man power services to fast track helpline desk on contract basis for a period of one year to various O&M Sub Divisions of East and North Circle, BMANZ, BESCOM, is herewith postponed for administrative reasons. The schedule for publishing the tender will be intimated later. For more details please contact BMANZ: 080-23655434.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy, BMANZ,
BESCOM, Bengaluru

For electricity related complaints call 1912
Download BESCOM Mithra MOBILE APP

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Govt. of Karnataka Enterprises)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
Manchanabele Project Division Ramanagara - 562 159.
Phone : 080 - 2727 1259. E-mail : eempdrmgm@gmail.com

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO.: 07/22-23.
DATE : 23-11-2022
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only) www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

The CNNL hereby invites Tender for the work in Magadi, Ramanagara, Kanakapura and Channapatana Taluks under SCP/TSP Scheme. The Last Date for Tender Submission as on 07-12-2022 at 4.00 p.m. Opening of Single Cover Financial Bid and Two Cover Technical Bid on : 08-12-2022 at 4.30 p.m. and Two Cover Financial Bid Opening on : 14-12-2022 at 11.00 a.m. For further details please contact the above said Office or Visit the above website.

DIPR/Ramanagar/356/Manipal/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
M. P. Division, Ramanagara.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Ballari Thermal Power Station)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.:KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT12885/Call-3, Date:25.11.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through e-procurement portal only) (Two Cover System)

Bids are invited through GOK e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from qualified agencies for **"Replacing of the existing old lift with a new Rack and Pinion lift of 1000kgs capacity along with Design, Manufacturing, Transportation, Storing, Erection, Testing, Commissioning and handing over of one No. of lift including one year free maintenance at Unit #1 Secondary Crusher House(SCH), BTPS".** Last date and time for submission of bids: **12.12.2022 upto 17:00 hrs**. Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (CAM-1),** BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini-583 152. Ballari dist. Mob: 9448290572.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
भारत सरकार का उपक्रम
A Government of India Undertaking
सिंडिकेट Syndicate

Regional Office : Thoothukudi
Branch : Rajapalayam

POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)] [See Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable property)

WHEREAS The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 30/08/2022 calling upon the borrower **M/s. Chandra & Co.** having its business address at No.55B1/E, Naidu South Street, Chettiyarpatti, Dhalavoipuram, Rajapalayam Taluk, Virudhunagar District – 626 122, represented by its Partners **B Muruganantham,** S/o P Bose & **Mr a Alex Anburaj**, S/o Arul Jeganathan, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being Rs.11,90,25,529.24 (Rupees Eleven Crores Ninety Lakhs Twenty Five Thousands Five Hundred And Twenty Nine and Paise Twenty Four Only), within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **28th day of November of the Year 2022.** The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs.12,31,85,853.81** (Rupees Twelve Crores Thirty One Lakhs Eighty Five Thousands Eight Hundred And Fifty Three And Paise Eighty One only) as on 27/11/2022 and interest thereon.The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Description of the Immovable Properties :-
1) Name of the Title Holder - Mr.A Alex Anburaj, S/o R Arul Jeganathan & Mrs Mrs V Mercy Aruna, W/o Mr A Alex Anburaj.
SCHEDULE - A : All that piece and parcel of immovable property comprising of land with structure thereto earlier bearing site Nos.5 and 6 part of katha No.810, thereafter allotted Katha No.1633/B/810/B, Kodihalli, HA sanitary Board and assigned Corporation No.19, Rustom Bagh Main Road, Kodihalli in Corporation Ward No.19, Rustom Bagh Main Road, Kodihalli in corporation ward No.73, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and **bounded on the:-** North by : Private Property, East by : IAF Property, South by : Private Property, West by : Plot No.42. Totally measuring about 6615 Sq.ft.,
SCHEDULE B - 260.71 Sq.ft., Undivided share, rights, title and interest in the immovable property more fully mentioned and described in the Schedule 'A' above. The Total site area of the Schedule 'B' Property herein conveyed works out of 260.71Sq.ft.,
SCHEDULE 'C' - Apartment being No.603 in Fifth Floor having super built up area of 1196 Sq.ft., together with a car parking space in the basement of the multistoried building known as **"OXFORD MANOR**' constructed with RCC Roofing, Mosaic Flooring, Sal Wood and Steel Windows at composite property more fully mentioned and described in Schedule 'A' above together with proportionate share in all common areas and entitled to all common facilities. The schedule 'B' and 'C' property mentioned above has been assessed and allotted separate Corporation No.19/22 Rustam Bagh Main Road, Kodihalli in Corporation Ward No.73, Bangalore under a Special Notice No.ARO(JBN)DA73/KTR-847/1999-2000 dated 17-04-2000 issued by the Assistant Revenue Officer, Jeevanbeemanagar Range, Bangalore, Mahanagara Palike.
Date : 28.11.2022 **Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Canara Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general Public that my client intended to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from the Present owner **SMT.K.PUSHPALATHA** W/o H.K.Ahobala, the owner have handed over the Xerox copies of the documents in respect of the Schedule Property which is in custody of my client, Any person having any right, claim, title, interest or possession over the schedule property may file their objection/s to the under signed with valid documentary proof, within **07 days** from the date of publication of this notice and if no valid objection/s are received in respect of schedule property within above said stipulated period, my client will proceed to purchase the above said property with assumption that, there are no objections or claim or title or interest or possession whatsoever nature from any person/s for purchasing the schedule property. Any objection received thereafter 7 days will not be entertained and my client will proceed to purchase the Property in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Site No.32,** Old Gramatana katha No.86/1, House list No.23/1, New BBMP Khatha No.275/260/236/23/11/32, situated at Nyanappanahalli Village, Begooru Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, **Measuring East to West 30 feet & North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 square feet,** and bounded on the: **East by :** Property No.33, **West by :** Property No.31, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Property No.39,

KRUTHINE LAW CHAMBERS, Advocates
No.47, Jayadatta Mansion, 5th Cross, 5th Main Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 003.
Mob: 9844233994,9448808844,9844752332
Date: 28-11-2022, Place: Bengaluru.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ
ಸಂ: ಕಾ.ನಿ.ಇಂ./ಲೋ.ಇ.ವಿ,ಕಾ/ಪಿ.ಬಿ–2/ಟೆಂಡರ–27/2022–23/3466 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.11.2022

ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್)

ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ ಇವರಿಂದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವದು. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹರಾಗಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು **(ಕೆಡಬ್ಲೂ–4)** ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಗಮನಿಸುವದು

(1) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.12.2022, 16.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ. (2) ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಜ್ಞೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.12.2022, 16.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ. (3) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26.12.2022, 17.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ. (4) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.12.2022, 17.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು: ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: **8443 - Deposit Contribution** ವರ್ಕ್ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ (1) 156210 ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: **4059 - PWD Buildings Appendix 'E'** ವರ್ಕ್ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ (1) 157480 (2) 157483 (3) 159151

(ಕೆಡಬ್ಲೂ–4) ರಲ್ಲಿನ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದಿನ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ e-proc ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾದ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇಲಾಖಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂದರೆ "eproc.karnataka.gov.in" ನೋಡಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ help desk Bangalore (Phone No. 918025501216 & 918025501227) ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
DIPR/ADK/MCA/664/22-23 dt.25.11.2022 ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಕಾರವಾರ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
COMMISSIONER SURVEY SETTLEMENT AND LAND RECORDS
Commissioner Office, K.R.Circle, Bangalore-560001,
Ph: 91-080-22212408, Fax: 91-080-22277528
No: UPOR:Project Tender:02/2022-23 Dated: 25.11.2022

SHORT TERM e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Supply of Stationery Materials for UPOR and Swamitwa Yojana work reg.

Tenders are invited from interested private firms for supply of stationery Materials required for UPOR and Swamitva Yojana work of this office. Tender documents and other related information will be available on e-procurement portal **http://www.epro.karnataka.gov.in** from **Date: 28.11.2022.** Interested organizations can participate in the bidding process by registering at the e-governance center. Last date for submission of proposals: **12.12.2022, 5:00 PM.**

Sd/-
C.N.Sreedhara, IAS
Additional Director, Survey Settlement & Land Records, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/3265/SHIRDISAI/2022-23

Same rights

As relationships change, rights on freedoms and liberties must expand

The Supreme Court has sought the Government's response to appeals to allow same-sex marriage under a special law, in another bid to provide legal sanction to widening social customs. A Bench of CJI D.Y. Chandrachud and Justice Hima Kohli agreed to hear two partners who said the non-recognition of same-sex marriage amounted to discrimination that struck at the rights of LGBTQIA+ couples. The petitioners cited the Special Marriage Act, 1954, which provides a civil marriage for couples who cannot marry under their personal law. Listing the case for hearing, the Court also transferred cases pending before several High Courts to itself. It is a first step towards same-sex marriage, which has been legalised in 30-odd countries, including the U.S. where this July the House of Representatives approved legislation to protect such marriages. This legislative action came amidst concern that an aggressive Supreme Court could revisit settled laws after it overturned *Roe vs Wade* on abortion rights. After the K.S. Puttaswamy verdict (2017) which upheld the right to privacy and *Navtej Singh Johar* (2018) that decriminalised homosexuality, there was hope that same-sex marriages would follow, but that has not been the case. At depositions in courts and outside, the Centre has opposed same-sex marriage, and said judicial interference will cause "complete havoc with the delicate balance of personal laws".

This is perhaps one of the reasons why the Supreme Court may consider allowing same-sex marriage under the Special Marriage Act, and not several other personal laws such as the Hindu Marriage Act. Over the past few years, it has passed a series of judgments that challenged conservative society and brought hope and expanded the scope for people who do not conform to age-old social norms. Eventually though, even if the Court rules in its favour, the march towards equality for the LGBTQIA+ community will be long and arduous. Enforcing something like same-sex marriage in a diverse country with varying customs and traditions will not be easy. Social mindsets are conservative and so well-entrenched that anyone who feels differently is stigmatised, humiliated and ostracised. Together with the Court, more needs to be done at the societal level to chip away at conservative views on sex, gender, women and the LGBTQIA+ community. Alongside the call for legalising same-sex marriage, activists have been seeking the extension of the benefits of a traditional marriage to same-sex couples, including the right to adopt children. As people's relationships change, and society undergoes transformation, constitutional rights on freedoms and liberties must extend to every sphere, including a same-sex couple's life.

Time for change

China must complete full vaccination and end the zero-COVID policy

After three years of living under the world's most stringent pandemic restrictions, thousands of people in China have taken to the streets in many cities, calling for an end to lockdowns and the "zero-COVID" policy. The ruling Communist Party of China would do well to listen. The unprecedented protests, on a scale not seen since 1989, reflect public weariness towards a policy that appears out of date. The lockdowns, mass testing and quarantining of infected cases and close contacts formed a strategy that helped China emerge faster than any other country out of the first COVID-19 wave, avoiding mass deaths seen in the rest of the world. The emergence of more transmissible but milder variants has, however, rendered that approach increasingly obsolete, particularly when vaccines are enabling countries to live with the virus. To deal with new variants, China's lockdowns have grown harsher. In March, Shanghai was placed under a brutal two month-long lockdown that saw food and medicine shortages. It is no surprise that one of the biggest protests took place in China's largest city. What will concern the leadership is that the call to end lockdowns from the mostly young protesters will have resonance, as the economic and social costs of zero-COVID grow. The trigger for the protests was an apartment fire in Urumqi that claimed 10 lives. The slow emergency response was widely seen as a result of lockdown measures.

The Chinese leadership has defended zero-COVID, warning that opening up will lead to mass deaths. That is, however, only because a large portion of the elderly population remains unvaccinated. Rather than continue to devote China's considerable state capacity towards enforcing lockdowns, an urgent nationwide effort to vaccinate the vulnerable is long overdue. Data from Hong Kong shows three doses of Chinese vaccines, which are less effective than mRNA shots, work well enough to protect the elderly. The problem is China has dragged its feet on vaccinating its population. As of this month, 68% of the more than 250 million Chinese aged 60 and above had received three shots. For the 30 million Chinese aged 80 and above, only 40% have received three doses. The government fears that opening up with such a large vulnerable population would lead to a collapse of China's health-care system and damage its credibility, with President Xi having personally backed the zero-COVID approach and framed it as a contrast to the West, which has seen mass COVID deaths. Completing the vaccination coverage and simultaneously phasing out the zero-COVID strategy seem the only way out.

Still a nightmare for domestic violence survivors

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Just ahead of the International Day for Elimination of All Forms of Violence against Women (November 25), the brutal murder and mutilation of a young woman by her partner has drawn attention to intimate partner violence, also recognised under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005 (PWDVA) as a kind of domestic violence. Many questions are being raised. Why did she choose him? Why did she not leave? As evidence of her help-seeking efforts surface, we should also be asking this: why were these not effective?

Domestic violence is a punishable offence under Indian law. It is a violation of human rights. Yet, the latest round of the National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21) reveals that we live in a society where violence against women persists to such an extent that 32% of ever-married women aged 18-49 years have ever experienced emotional, physical, or sexual violence committed by their husband, with more rural than urban women reporting experiences of domestic violence. This does not even capture the prevalence of violence by other family members too.

Over 17 years ago the PWDVA, a progressive legislation, was passed, promising a joined-up approach – involving civil and criminal protections – to support and protect women from violence within the household, not just from husbands. But despite the law existing on paper, women are still largely unable to access the law in practice. Its promise and provisions are unevenly implemented, unavailable and out of reach for most Indian women.

The most disheartening reality is that despite almost a third of women being subject to domestic violence, the National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21) reports that only 14% of women who have experienced domestic violence have ever sought help; and this number is much lower in the rural areas. In a country where domestic violence is a crime, where there are multiple laws explicitly designed to protect women against violence, why is it that most women survivors of domestic violence never seek help?

Questions and responses

Our research in Maharashtra, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu aims to better understand 'help seeking' and the everyday realities, obstacles, prejudices and fears that women experience around sharing and reporting experiences of violence. Simple and well-meaning questions – "Why didn't you leave earlier?" "Why didn't you tell someone about the violence earlier?" – can have the most complicated and contradictory responses.

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Women were hopeful that things would change, that they could change their husband's behaviour, that he would listen to them. Crucially women did not want to be a 'burden' on others, in particular their families. 'My mother has a lot of worries, she has her own life so I didn't want to add to her own worries, with mine.' By naming the violence they experienced, women believed that they would become 'a problem' or a source of 'tension' for their families, in bringing them shame and dishonour, irrespective of the survivor's level of education, caste, or class. For migrant women, transpeople or those with several sisters, or ill, older or deceased parents, it was felt even more acutely that the perpetrator's violence was their individual responsibility to manage.

On seeking help

When it comes to help seeking, we found two main groups of women – those who shared experiences of violence within six months, and those who shared after five years or more. The first group of women mainly turned to their parents who, in a majority of cases, insisted on their daughter preserving the family environment which they should do by 'adjusting' to, or accommodating their husband's (and his family's) needs better. In a minority of cases, the daughter's welfare was prioritised over the well-being of the 'the family' and steps were taken to help mediate or exit the relationship, and much more infrequently approach the police and lawyers.

For survivors who took longer to seek help, the actions of relatives or neighbours who witnessed the violence were often pivotal in transforming their situations. So were key 'turning' or 'tipping' points such as a survivor's heightened concerns for their children's safety, the discovery of a husband's affair or when violence became "too much" and required medical assistance. Waiting until such a point before seeking help was more likely for survivors who struggled to imagine exiting a relationship due to financial insecurity and/or patriarchal norms concerning property ownership.

So ingrained are social norms about gender inequality that NFHS-5 data reports that women are more likely than men to justify a scenario in which it is acceptable for a husband to beat or hit his wife. As one interviewee explained, 'the way we are conditioned, it was hard to complain about any suffering'. Though survivors who did (finally) confide in relatives and friends about domestic violence described feeling a 'sense of a relief' and that a 'burden had been lifted', giving them new 'hope' that things might change.

Whilst sharing experiences of violence was an incredibly powerful step for women, actually transforming their violent domestic experiences and accessing services and support provided by the state and non-state actors proved to be an arduous roller coaster of emotions, promises, uncertainty, fear and disappointment. With few safe houses across India, the simple reality was that many women have nowhere else to go, and access to legal justice through the courts was a material possibility only for women with independent wealth and connections or those supported by specialist non-governmental organisations.

So, for many survivors, transforming their situation depended on securing their economic self-sufficiency by pursuing new skills and livelihood opportunities.

Role of the police

Women who reported experiences of violence to the police were cynical about the outcome. Though a small minority had positive experiences, for the majority of those we interviewed, the police were part of the problem rather than a solution to violence. Across the States, we heard that the police were more likely to send women back to violent households to reconcile with the perpetrator or use violence against perpetrators as a deterrent instead of filing an official complaint or connecting women to protection officers and other service providers, as the PWDVA outlines they should. Several States are yet to implement Protection officers. And where they are in post, they are under resourced, under-skilled and overworked, making their remit impossible.

While sharing experiences of violence was a powerful step for women, accessing services and support often resulted in uncertainty, fear and disappointment.

Women know all too well that the state serves patriarchal and heteronormative interests first. The state is failing women. Even whilst its legislature recognises that domestic violence is a crime, and civil remedies exist through protection orders, managing the fallout of domestic violence is still being subcontracted to survivors and the family. That is the biggest crime being committed against women today.

Loss and Damage decisions, pitfalls and promises

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A major takeaway from COP27 in Egypt, as far as loss and damage (L and D) is concerned, is the decision relating to new funding arrangements focusing on L and D – those particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

The decision includes a transitional committee to prepare elements relating to the operationalisation of the new funding arrangements to be adopted at COP28. The decision restores the faith of countries, especially those vulnerable, in the process of multilateralism. The committee will aim to identify and expand sources of funding, which demonstrates a lack of clarity on the source of funding (adequate and predictable) accruing to the new fund only. There is a question mark over the new L and D fund with non-compliance by developed countries as far as climate finance commitment (mobilising $100 billion per year by 2020) is concerned. The new funding arrangements will complement the existing arrangements and include sources, funds, processes and initiatives under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement, which would assist in mobilising new and additional resources. This dilutes the consistent demand raised at COP27, and outside of it by the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) to set up a dedicated loss and damage response fund, which would be on top of existing climate finance commitments.

The decision again recognises the mitigation-centric nature of the history of climate change negotiations to be suiting the agenda of developed countries. It says restricting the global average temperature rise to below 1.5° Celsius is essential to limiting future loss and damage.

The mitigation-centric nature of the negotiation can be traced to Article 2 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 1992. Adaptation as the second pillar of the climate change regime is possible once 'stabilisation of greenhouse gas concentrations is achieved at a level that prevents dangerous human-induced interference with the climate system and allows ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change'. L and D could gain traction after two decades of climate change negotiations at Paris 2015. Article 8(1) only makes the party recognise the importance of averting, minimising, and addressing L and D associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including extreme weather events and slow onset events.

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Past, present and the future

In the entire climate change negotiations, the developed countries have consistently opposed being made liable for climate-change related adverse effects. The basis for their contribution to various funds so far is the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities (CBDR). For global environmental degradation, they only acknowledge their responsibility in view of the pressures their societies place on the environment and of the technologies and financial resources they command, according to research papers.

The compensation aspect involves a serious legal hurdle of establishing causal relations between the injurer and the victim since the adverse effects of climate change occur substantially later than the greenhouse gas emissions that cause them. During the negotiation process for the UNFCCC in 1991, AOSIS, which is at the forefront for the cause of loss and damage, "unsuccessfully" tried to include the establishment of an international insurance pool as a 'collective loss-sharing scheme to compensate the most vulnerable small island and low-lying coastal developing countries for loss and damage arising from sea level rise'. Funding was to come from assessed contributions according to a 'formula modelled on the 1963 Brussels Convention Supplementary to the Paris Convention on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy, with 50% based on parties' relative contributions to emissions in the year prior to a contribution year, and 50% based on parties' relative shares of gross national product in the year prior to the contribution year'.

Taxing fossil fuel firms

The realisation of the 1991 proposal would have addressed at least who pays for the L and D. But the concept of an international insurance pool requires more research and deliberation amongst major emitters in developed and developing countries. In Egypt, AOSIS, instead of insisting on an international insurance pool, demanded a dedicated L and D Response Fund. It wanted funding from governments on a grant basis, which would be on top of existing climate finance commitments. The fund would also draw upon other potential sources, which include, as UN Chief Antonio Guterres advocates, a windfall tax on oil and gas companies' profits. The idea of taxing fossil fuel oil and gas companies needs more research as it indicates an alternative to the nation-state approach of climate change negotiations. The idea highlights that 'substantial emissions have come from fossil fuels sourced from non-Annex I countries such as China, India, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Iran, Brazil, and Mexico, and from nations that are not large-scale emitters, such as Nigeria, Venezuela, Kuwait, Angola, Malaysia, and Libya'.

The German-backed "Global Shield Scheme against climate risks", is a part of COP27's decision. The Shield is aimed at increasing pre-arranged finance to be disbursed before or just after disasters happen. The AOSIS favours a dedicated L and D response fund which would help disburse funding from different propositions, including the Global Shield, and avoid a piecemeal approach. The other probable avenues to address L and D are litigation, but the issues of causation, attribution and standing appear to be potential obstacles, at the domestic and international levels.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protests in China

The cataclysmic pandemic has played spoilsport with the global economy and no country has been spared from its deadly impact. While near normal life has returned to many countries, the light at the end of the tunnel still eludes China. The stringent norms to tackle the spread of the virus have also impacted the learning process, leading to resentment, frustration and anger (Page 1, November 28) which those who matter in the establishment may not have anticipated. Xi Jinping has emerged as the strongman of China. Now, he has to demonstrate his skill and authority to tide over the health crisis.

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China was at the epicentre of COVID-19. While the rest of the world has been trying to get back to normal, fresh outbreaks of COVID-19 are a matter of concern. The zero-COVID rule seems to have destabilised the economic situation. Freedom of expression is needed rather than stifling the people.

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What is needed instead is to increase genomic surveillance which can identify the emergence of any new virulent variants of the virus. The efficacy and the effectiveness of current lot of vaccines must be reassessed. A mix of calibrated lockdowns following basic standard protocols to prevent spread in public places, and improving vaccination rates are the best ways to counter the scourge.

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Birth certificate mandatory

One wonders how many of our senior citizens including those occupying the highest echelons of the judiciary, legislature, and the executive would be able to produce their birth certificates. Mercy demands the proposed ruling should apply only prospectively. Even then, for those millions of younger but poorer citizens whose birth occurs outside the precincts of a hospital, to obtain such a certificate retrospectively or even prospectively would be a convoluted exercise bordering on harassment. It seems the strategy of the current dispensation is to manufacture crises and distractions to keep our countrymen so bewildered that they forget the real day-to-day issues of their lives.

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Khula ties the Muslim clerics in knots

A formidable section of Muslim clerics is once again leading the community to the cliff with their loud and lopsided pronouncements on Khula, a Muslim woman's inalienable right to divorce. In a step that reeks of patriarchy, the ulema feel a Muslim woman, once she enters into a nikah with a man, has no way to dissolve the contract unless the man divorces her or agrees to her proposal for Khula. The third way is faskh or judicial divorce. Even if the man inflicts violence, tortures her for dowry, and stops her from meeting her parents or fulfilling her professional dreams, she cannot end the marriage unless he consents to Khula.

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Monopoly of men over Islam

The ulema's interpretation of women's right is questionable, even provocative, just as it was with instant triple talaq, before the Supreme Court stepped in to restore paramountcy of the Quran over the perceived decision of Caliph Umar. In the talaq case too, the maulanas had insisted on the right of men to end a marriage with the pronouncement of triple talaq at one go. That dozens of Muslim countries did not approve of this method of divorce did not matter to many Indian clerics. And that the Quran, which talks of divorce options and procedure through select verses of Surah Al-Baqarah and Surah At-Talaq, does not mention instant triple talaq anywhere was cast aside as a matter of interpretation. It was left to the court to invalidate instant triple talaq in 2017. The judges quoted verses from the Quran and works of Islamic scholars to buttress their point. The ulema squirmed, but fell in line.

The judiciary may have to draw the ulema's attention to the Quran and Hadith all over again as the wise scholars seek to resume their hold over religion with their take on Khula. Virtually turning Islam into a monopoly of men, where every action, right and privilege of women is dissected and scrutinised by the ulema, the All-India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) recently opposed the Kerala High Court's verdict on Khula. On a review petition, the court said, "In the absence of any mechanism... to recognise the termination of marriage at the instance of the wife when the husband refuses to give consent, the court can simply hold that Khula can be invoked without the conjunction of the husband... This is a typical review portraying that Muslim women are subordinate to the will of their male counterparts... [it] appears to have been fashioned... by clergies and the hegemonic masculinity of the Muslim community who are unable to digest the declaration of the right of Muslim women to resort to... Khula, unilaterally." This verdict was reminiscent of an essay, 'Extra-Judicial Khul Divorce in India's Muslim Personal Law', in which Sylvia Vatuk wrote, "The 1917 Ottoman Law of Family Rights was the first to enable women, under certain circumstances, to obtain divorce in a court of law. Since then, most countries that apply a version of Hanafi law... have loosened, modified, or struck down those provisions that require a wife to obtain her husband's permission to divorce him. India did this in 1939 with the passage of Dissolution of Muslim Marriage Act which allows a Muslim woman to divorce an unwilling or unavailable husband in a court of law."

To the AIMPLB, the Kerala High Court judgment amounted to the court exceeding its brief of merely being an interpreter of the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Application Act, 1937. The man, the AIMPLB reiterated, reserves the right to accept or reject a Khula proposal mooted by his wife. In other words, a woman cannot leave an unhappy or abusive marriage unless the man lets her go.

This reasoning is removed from the ground reality in India. Here, most Khula cases are moved when the woman has either been asked to leave her matrimonial home or moves in with her natal family to avoid the harassment that comes with living with an estranged spouse. In both cases, the man has little incentive to give his consent to Khula as he can simply marry another woman. If denied release through Khula, such women could simply be abandoned.

A clear divorce procedure

It is precisely to put an end to unhappy or violent marriages that the Quran outlines a clear divorce procedure, whether initiated by a man or a woman. Through Verse 229 of Surah Al-Baqarah, the Quran gives woman the right to end a marriage if she gives something in lieu of her freedom. In other words, she has to surrender her mehr for divorce through Khula. In Islamic history, there is a well-documented case of a woman, Jameela, seeking the Prophet's advice to end her nikah with Sabit Bin Quais merely because she didn't like his looks. The Prophet asked her to give the man something in return. She surrendered her garden upon which the Prophet asked the man to give his consent. The Prophet did not seek the man's permission or give him the option of saying no. Importantly, while in a case of talaq, the spouses are instructed to live together after the first and second pronouncements so that there is a chance of reconciliation, the woman has to leave her husband's house immediately in the case of Khula. This is done to avoid any assault by the man who is no longer her spouse.

Apart from the AIMPLB, scholars of Imarat Shariah too reiterate the idea of a man's veto over Khula. It is this insistence on male superiority that has driven many woman members of the AIMPLB away from its portals, and left other women of the community in the lurch. The holy book and the Hadiths might offer evidence to the contrary, but the ulema are in no hurry to let women exercise their rights in matrimony and divorce. Khula has tied the Muslim clerics in knots.

The Quran and the Hadiths might offer evidence to the contrary, but the ulema refuse to let women exercise their rights in matrimony and divorce

An economy under the spotlight

There are a number of unresolved issues that worry the Left government

STATE OF PLAY

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Earlier this month, Kerala Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi and requested her urgent intervention on a host of issues that have "impacted the financial position of the State government in recent times." Among other things, Mr. Balagopal sought expansion of the State's open market borrowing limit by 1% of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), a special assistance of ₹3,224.61 crore for capital investment, and the release of pending Goods and Services Tax (GST) compensation. He also reiterated the State's demand that the GST compensation period be extended by another five years at least, until taxation measures stabilise revenue streams. Other States have also demanded this.

A recurring theme in the CPI(M)-led Left Democratic Front government's polemic is how the Centre's unfair fiscal policies have left the southern State financially shaky. But at the moment, there are also other reasons for the Kerala economy to be under the spotlight.

The State's GSDP has registered a robust post-pandemic growth of 12.01% in 2021-22, mostly spurred by rapid growth in tourism-related segments like hotels and restaurants. This is also higher than the national growth rate, which stood at 8.7%. Domestic production, which was valued at ₹7,99,571 crore in 2020-21, increased to ₹9,01,998 crore in 2021-22, indicating the State's gradual emergence from the worrisome shadows cast by

the floods and the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Balagopal said. The growth rate is all the more notable given Kerala's achievement in the face of hardships resulting from the curbs imposed by the Centre on borrowing and denial of the State's eligible tax share, he said. Kerala has also been showing steady growth in GST revenues over the past few months. In October 2022, the State recorded 29% growth over October 2021, according to data released by the Union Finance Ministry. The year-on-year growth has been consistently over 25% since May this year.

But there are a number of unresolved issues that worry the Left government – primarily the Union government's stand on borrowings by the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB), a Special Purpose Vehicle for mobilising funds for infrastructure projects; and the Kerala Social Security Pension Ltd (KSSPL). The State's contention that these borrowings constitute merely 'contingent liabilities' and not direct liabilities of the State is yet to be accepted by the Centre.

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India had also flagged the issue in the last two audit reports on State finances, warning that unbridled "off-budget borrowings" could plunge Kerala into a debt trap later on.

In its audit report for the year that ended in March 2021, the CAG noted that the fiscal liabilities of the State rose by 62.51% since 2016-17, taking the overall debt – with KIIFB and KSSPL liabilities included – up to ₹ 3,24,855.06 crore. Firm on its stand, the Centre has reduced ₹14,312.80 crore from the available open market borrowing space of the State. The amount is to be deducted in four annual instalments.

In a risk analysis of State finances in June, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had listed Kerala among the States with the highest debt burden. "These States will need to undertake significant corrective steps to stabilise their debt levels," the RBI had observed.

Experts point out that it all boils down to whether Kerala can keep its debt liabilities on a sustainable level while pushing up own revenue. In a draft approach paper to the 14th Five-Year Plan (2022-27), the State Planning Board observed that resource mobilisation for the period would prove a daunting task.

In a fiscal scenario of such exacting dimensions, resource mobilisation is likely to be an overarching theme of the 2023-24 State budget, set to be presented early next year. The Kerala government has set in motion measures for improving efficiency in tax collection and curbing evasion by overhauling the State GST Department and offering incentives for prompt payment. How these measures play out against mounting expenditures – a predicament that Kerala has been grappling with for some time now – remains to be seen.

The math behind BJP's 'turncoat' strategy in Gujarat

Of all the seats allocated by the BJP to turncoats in 2022, the party lost 89% in 2017

DATA POINT

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Ten per cent of candidates fielded by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the 2022 Gujarat polls are turncoats. This is the highest such share of BJP candidates in at least the last six elections, including 2022. Between 1998 and 2012, less than 5% of the BJP's candidates were turncoats; in 2017, the share increased to 9%.

Turncoats are candidates who contested from another party in the previous election and are being fielded by the BJP this time. For this analysis, persons such as Hardik Patel, who did not contest before but were prominent members of other parties and are BJP candidates in 2022, have also been counted as turncoats.

Table 1 shows the percentage of BJP candidates who are/were turncoats, new faces, repeaters and incumbents in 2022, 2017 and 2012. For instance, in 2022, 10% of BJP candidates are turncoats, 37% are new faces, 63% are repeaters, and 41% are incumbents. New faces are those who have not contested polls before. Repeaters are those who have contested polls in the past, either as BJP candidates or otherwise. Incumbents are sitting MLAs and may belong to the BJP or other parties. So, the turncoat list is made up of repeaters (other party candidates from previous polls), incumbents (sitting MLAs from other parties) and exceptions like Mr. Patel, who is a new face from another party. The sum of the four candidate types exceeds 100% because these categories are not mutually exclusive (for example, all incumbents are repeaters but not all repeaters are incumbents).

As shown in **Table 1**, the BJP is planning to counter anti-incumbency by reducing the share of incumbent MLAs. However, it has not gone with new faces – their share has also decreased. Instead, the party is banking on turncoats and experienced candidates who are not sitting MLAs (they could have fought and lost in 2017 or were part of elections before that).

This strategy is not new for the BJP. As shown in **Table 2**, in 2018, 26% of the BJP's candidates in Karnataka were turncoats and in 2019, 74% of them in Maharashtra were repeaters. However, in Uttar Pradesh (2022) and Rajasthan (2018), the party banked more on new faces.

But past results suggest that fielding turncoats has not worked for the BJP in Gujarat when compared to fielding new faces. To assess the success of these candidate types, their strike rates were considered. Strike rate is the number of seats won as a share of seats contested. For instance, in **Table 3**, 29% of the BJP's turncoat candidates won in the 2017 elections in Gujarat compared to 52% of new faces. In 2012, too, the strike rate of turncoat candidates was the lowest of all four candidate types.

However, in Karnataka (2018) and Maharashtra (2019) – the two other instances where the BJP fielded 10% or more turncoats – the plan worked, with the strike rate among turncoats ranging between 47% and 62% respectively, as shown in **Table 4**. It is this strategy that the BJP is trying to emulate in Gujarat.

There seems to be a method to the BJP's candidate selection. Of all the seats allocated to turncoats in 2022, 89% were lost by the BJP in 2017. In 53% of these seats, the party's vote share reduced in 2017 compared to 2012. Also, 21% of these seats were won by the BJP in 2012 but were lost in 2017. So, the BJP seems to have used turncoats to try its luck in the seats where it is weakest.

Similarly, new faces too have been fielded in these weaker seats. On the other hand, repeaters and incumbents have been fielded in seats where the party is relatively strong, as shown in **Table 5**.

Turning to turncoats

The candidate list for 2022 was scraped from the Election Commission of India website and the turncoats, new faces, repeaters and incumbents were identified using news reports, the Trivedi Centre for Political Data's (TCPD) Political Career Tracker and their past election data. Data for previous years and other States were sourced from TCPD

Hardik Patel (second from right), the face of the Patidar quota agitation and former working president of the Gujarat Congress was also considered a turncoat for this analysis, though he never contested in polls before. PTI

Table 1: The % of BJP candidates who were turncoats, new faces, repeaters and incumbents. In 2022, 10% of BJP candidates are turncoats, 37% are new faces, 63% are repeaters and 41% are incumbents

Election	Turncoats	New faces	Repeaters	Incumbents
Gujarat 2012	2%	41%	59%	45%
Gujarat 2017	9%	46%	54%	42%
Gujarat 2022	10%	37%	63%	41%

Table 2: The % of BJP candidates who were turncoats, new faces, repeaters and incumbents in past State elections. About 26% of the BJP's candidates in Karnataka were turncoats

Election	Turncoats	New faces	Repeaters	Incumbents
Karnataka 2018	26%	32%	68%	23%
M.P. 2018	4%	39%	61%	47%
Maharashtra '19	13%	26%	74%	63%
Rajasthan 2018	3%	50%	50%	43%
U.P. 2022	8%	53%	47%	40%

Table 5: The table shows the BJP's performance in 2017 among seats allocated to the four candidate types. For instance, of all the seats allocated to turncoats in 2022, 89% were lost by the BJP in 2017

BJP's candidate-types in 2022 ↓	Seats lost in 2017?		Vote share decreased in 2017 compared to 2012?		Seats won in 2012 but lost in 2017?	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Turncoats	89%	11%	53%	47%	21%	79%
New faces	46%	54%	56%	44%	22%	78%
Repeaters	40%	60%	46%	54%	17%	83%
Incumbent	20%	80%	38%	62%	3%	97%

Table 3: The strike rates of BJP's candidate types in the past two elections in Gujarat. Only 29% of BJP's turncoat candidates won in Gujarat 2017 polls — the least of all four candidate types

Election	Turncoats	New-faces	Repeaters	Incumbents
Gujarat '12	50%	61%	65%	68%
Gujarat '17	29%	52%	57%	64%

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Table 4: The strike rates of BJP's candidate types in the past State elections. In Karnataka and Maharashtra the strike rate among turncoat candidates was relatively much higher

Election	Turncoats	New faces	Repeaters	Incumbents
Karnataka 2018	47%	21%	59%	64%
M.P. 2018	11%	45%	49%	49%
Maharashtra '19	62%	58	66%	67%
Rajasthan 2018	20%	31%	42%	43%
U.P. 2022	59%	63%	73%	78%

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Mrs. Bandaranaike assails Sri Lanka Press

Colombo, Nov. 28: The Sri Lanka Prime Minister, Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, made a scathing attack on the country's Press for having "misled" the people in the past and said it would not be allowed to do so in future.

Speaking on the budget debate in the National State Assembly last evening she repeatedly assailed the local press while observing that both the Government and the Opposition should "share the blame" for the present economic plight of the island. "The newspapers too should accept their share of the blame. They did not hesitate to incite the people and make false propaganda and thereby add to the problems."

"We know how newspapers fanned communal ill-feeling in the country in 1958. We are aware of the activities of newspapers to defeat our Government in 1964. Newspapers are on a similar campaign now. They are trying to mislead the people about the Press Bill now. They say because of the Press Bill, democracy is in danger."

She said the Government could protect democracy but that did not mean "we would allow newspapers to dictate terms to us or allow people to be misled. In fact, lot of people are asking us why we are delaying the implementation of the Press Bill."

In another context, Mrs. Bandaranaike said the press was publishing cartoons projecting the theme that the average citizen was "groaning" under the weight of "so-called burdens" placed on them. It was all because the Press was being given too much freedom that it was acting in that manner, she added.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 29, 1922

Indian Office announcement

London, Nov. 27: The Indian Office announces that the concession of free passages to India under certain conditions for the wives and families of Indian army officers, Departmental Officers and Warrant Officers of India (unattached) list who had been on active service outside India, during the war, will cease with effect from the close of the present trooping season in March. No applications for concession will [be] entertained after January 1st 1923.

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'Anguish over NJAC behind posting delays'

"Let them give the power to us then, we have no difficulty... When somebody high up says 'let them do it', we will do it ourselves... This [Rijiju's remarks] came from somebody high enough, it should not have," Justice Kaul shot back when apprised of the Law Minister's comments by the Supreme Court Bar Association president, senior advocate Vikas Singh, in court.

The hearing on Monday marked a new high in the tensions simmering for the past few weeks between the judiciary and the government over appointments. Mr. Rijiju has been criticising the Collegium system in several public fora. The court had responded by accusing the government of using silence and inaction as a ploy to compel the withdrawal of consent by eminent persons considered for judgeships in the constitutional courts. On Monday, Justice Kaul told Attorney-General R. Venkataramani that the government was "effectively frustrating the method of appointment". Names have been pending for a year and a half. Some of them had been originally recommended way back in 2019 and still not cleared by a government which remains incommunicado. The court accused the government of picking and choosing names from the Collegium list. "What happens is this completely destroys the seniority. The Collegium while sending names keeps many factors in mind," Justice Kaul said. The court said it was plainly "anguished" by the government's attitude. "It [government] is crossing some Rubicons by keeping these names pending like this... It cannot go on like this... We went on thinking that things will improve, that it will improve... But for the past two months, everything has come to a complete standstill, whether it is appointments to the High Courts or to the Supreme Court," Justice Kaul observed. The court said 20% of the judicial posts in High Courts were vacant. Justice Kaul said Chief Justices of several High Courts have complained about lawyers unwilling to accept invitations to the Bench because of the uncertainty posed by the government's inaction. Mr. Singh said the court should issue contempt notice against the government.

"There is no need to be rhetorical," the A-G snapped.

"What rhetorical? Are you saying following the law of the land is rhetoric?" Mr. Singh asked.

"We kept our patience today because the A-G appeared... Timelines [for judicial appointments] have gone completely haywire, there have been many aggravating circumstances after that... Don't make us take decisions on the judicial side on this," Justice Kaul and Oka said told Mr. Venkataramani.

The court scheduled the case for December 8.

Reconsider 20 names for HC judges: Centre

The Delhi High Court collegium had recommended Mr. Kirpal's name for High Court judgeship on October 13, 2017. His file was received by the top court collegium on July 2, 2018. The collegium had considered his name and deferred its decision on four separate occasions – September 4, 2018, January 16 and April 1, 2019 and March 2 last year. The then Chief Justice S.A. Bobde had asked the government to clarify its stand on Mr. Kirpal.

The Collegium under the then Chief Justice N.V. Ramana had finally taken the initiative in favour of Mr. Kirpal on November 11, 2021.

Meeting fails to break Vizhinjam impasse

As many as 38 police personnel were reported to be injured in the ensuing clashes, which left a trail of destruction to public property. Earlier, the police also registered cases against at least 50 persons, including Latin Catholic priests, in connection with Saturday's violence, which was the trigger for the violence on Sunday.

Violence broke out in the night when the police detained five protesters – one of them was later remanded in judicial custody while four others were let off on station bail. They vandalised three police jeeps, two police vans, four KSRTC buses, over 20 bikes parked nearby, and a few private vehicles. Additional Director General of Police M.R. Ajith Kumar said the attack was premeditated and without any provocation by the police.

The district police administration on Monday deployed around 600 personnel in the region to maintain law and order.

The protesters have been stalling the construction of the port by Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Limited since July 20.

Both Gehlot, Pilot are assets for Cong.: Rahul

The Wayanad MP said the decision to contest again from Amethi would be taken after a year and a half and he was at present focussing on the Bharat Jodo Yatra. Asked if those who in 2020 toppled the Congress government in Madhya Pradesh – the State through which his Bharat Jodo Yatra is currently passing through – could return to the fold, Mr. Gandhi said that he was of the opinion that if someone had crossed over for money, such a person should not be allowed to come back.

India, France discuss defence industrial ties, 'Make in India'

Rajnath Singh and his French counterpart Sebastien Lecornu review military cooperation between the two countries and seek to increase maritime cooperation and bilateral exercises

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India and France on Monday discussed defence industrial cooperation with a focus on 'Make in India' and means to strengthen maritime cooperation and increase the scope and complexity of bilateral exercises. This was discussed during the fourth India-France annual defence dialogue chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his French counterpart, Sebastien Lecornu, here.

Mutual trust: Rajnath Singh and French Minister Sebastien Lecornu in New Delhi on Monday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

"During the dialogue, one of the key areas of discussion was defence industrial cooperation with a focus on 'Make in India'. Future collaborations and potential co-production opportunities were discussed. The Ministers agreed that the technical groups from both the countries should meet early next year and take the key cooperation issues forward," a Defence Ministry statement said. This is the first visit of Mr. Lecornu to India as French Minister of Armed Forces.

"A wide range of bilateral, regional and defence industrial cooperation issues were discussed during the dialogue," Mr. Singh said on Twitter.

The Ministers reviewed the ongoing military-to-military cooperation, which has increased substantially in recent years, the statement said, also noting that they recognised their convergences on a number of "strategic and defence issues and shared the commitment to work together on enhancing cooperation in bilateral, regional and multilateral fora, with a focus on the Indo-Pacific region".

France is the current chair of the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) and Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) and both countries cooperate closely in these fora.

During the two-day visit, Mr. Lecornu made a day-long trip to the headquarters of the Southern Naval Command in Kochi on Sunday and also went aboard the indigenously built aircraft carrier *INS Vikrant*. "The French Minister acknowledged India's indigenous potential and self-reliance. The discussions ranged from enhancing cooperation in areas of mutual interest to the maritime challenges in the IOR," the Navy said in a statement.

The visiting French Minister also met External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and National Security Adviser Ajit Doval.

"The Armed Forces Minister's visit to India reaffirms France's engagement in the Indo-Pacific and India's centrality in the French strategy for the region," the French Embassy said in a statement. It comes in a year that has seen an acceleration of the French and Indian armed forces' endeavours towards even greater interoperability through joint Air, Navy and Army exercises, such as IMEX 22 in March, Varuna in March-April, and the recently concluded Garuda in October-November, it noted.

The two Air Forces recently held their bilateral Air Exercise 'Garuda' at Air Force Station, Jodhpur.

Ahead of the dialogue, Mr. Lecornu visited the National War Memorial and paid tribute to India's soldiers who have laid down their lives in the line of duty and also inspected a tri-service guard of honour.

Govt. gives extension to Foreign Secretary Kwatra till April 2024

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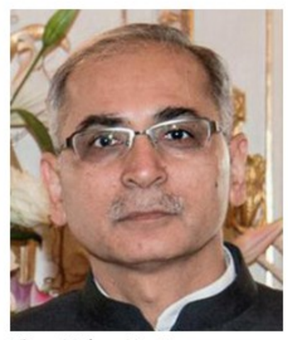


Vinay Mohan Kwatra

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has extended the tenure of Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra till April 30, 2024. Mr. Kwatra, who took charge on May 1, 2022, was earlier scheduled to retire on December 31.

The notification from the Appointments Committee was issued on November 26.

The 1988-batch IFS officer had succeeded Harsh Vardhan Shringla as the Foreign Secretary. Mr. Shringla is now serving as the Chief Coordinator of the G-20 summit to be held here in 2023.

Several diplomatic events are scheduled for 2023. In January, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi will be the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations. A number of preparatory events involving the G-20 member states and guest countries, such as Bangladesh, Singapore, the UAE, Nigeria, Spain, Egypt, the Netherlands, Mauritius and Oman, are expected in the coming months.

Bangladesh will go to the polls by December 2023. Election has been completed in another immediate neighbour, Nepal, where Mr. Kwatra had served as Ambassador before taking over as the Foreign Secretary. He is credited with playing a key role in stabilising India-Nepal relations during his stint in Kathmandu, following the eruption of the Kalapani territorial dispute.

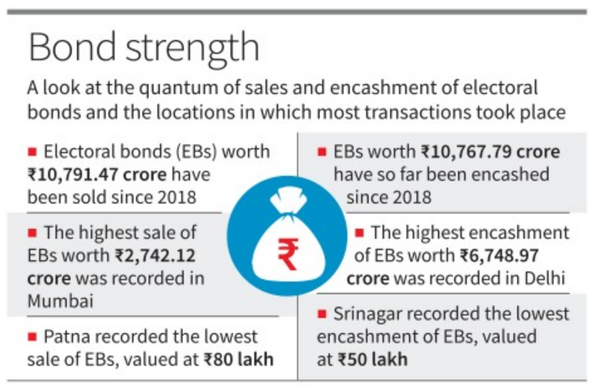
He served as the head of the Policy Planning and Research Division of the External Affairs Ministry between July 2013 and October 2015. He served as the head of the Americas Division in the External Affairs Ministry. Between October 2015 and August 2017, Mr. Kwatra worked at the Prime Minister's Office as a Joint Secretary. Between August 2017 and February 2020, he served as the Ambassador to France.

'Mumbai tops in sale of poll bonds followed by Kolkata, Hyderabad; most encashment in Delhi'

Jatin Anand
NEW DELHI

While Mumbai, Kolkata and Hyderabad saw the sale of most electoral bonds since they came into existence in 2018, a significant majority of these were encashed in New Delhi followed by Hyderabad and Kolkata out of 20 Indian cities over the entire sale period of their 22 tranches, according to a Right to Information (RTI) response.

In a response to a query filed by transparency activist Commodore Lokesh Batra (retd) from the State Bank of India (SBI), which is the sole financial entity empowered to both issue and encash these, electoral bonds worth ₹2,742 crore were sold in Mumbai, ₹2,387 crore in Kolkata and ₹1,885 crore in Hyderabad. The lowest sale, valued at ₹80 lakh, was recorded at Patna. Since 2018, electoral bonds worth ₹10,791 crore have been sold, according to the reply.



When it came to their encashment, New Delhi led the charge recording the encashment of electoral bonds worth ₹6,748 crore followed by ₹1,384 crore in Hyderabad and electoral bonds worth ₹1,012 crore in Kolkata.

Lowest in Srinagar

The lowest encashment of electoral bonds, at ₹50 lakh, was recorded in Srinagar and, according to the reply, bonds worth ₹10,767 crore have so far been encashed from 2018 till now.

At 10,108, bonds of the denomination of ₹1 crore accounted for the lion's share of those being sold across 20 Indian cities followed by 6,562 of 10 lakh and 2,610 of one lakh denomination.

Mumbai accounted for the sale of 2,643 bonds of the 1 crore denomination followed by 2,152 at Kolkata and 1,815 at Hyderabad. When it came to their redemption, however, out of the total number of 19,361 bonds encashed so far, 12,161 were encashed in New Delhi, 2,314 in Hyderabad and 2,302 in Kolkata. As many as 6,331 electoral bonds encashed in the national capital were of the ₹1 crore denomination, while 1,300 and 922 bonds of this denomination were encashed in Hyderabad and Kolkata, respectively.

"As of now electoral bonds worth nearly ₹10,791.50 crore – of which 93.67% electoral bonds purchased are of one crore denomination each – leaving no doubt that it is big corporate(s) are purchasing electoral bonds for donations to 'political parties'," Commodore Batra alleged.

"The irony of the scheme is that while donors who buy them are not required to pay any service charges or commission to SBI, even the printing cost is borne by the government and ultimately by the taxpayers; so far, nearly ₹9.53 crore has been paid by for enabling such transactions," he added.

Special NIA court awards life term to five JeM terrorists

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court in Delhi on Monday awarded life imprisonment to five terrorists affiliated with the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) for recruiting and training youth for terror activities across the country.

Justice Shailender Malik, special judge of the NIA court, awarded life imprisonment to Sajjad Ahmed Khan, Bilal Ahmed Mir, Muzaffar Ahmed Bhat, Ishfaq Ahmed Bhat and Mehraj-ud-din Chopan for conspiring to wage war against India. They were booked by the NIA in March 2019 under various Sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), including 121A and 120B, Sections 18, 18B, 38 and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and Section 120B of the Indian Penal Code read with Sections 4 and 5 of the Explosive Substances Act.

The case pertains to criminal conspiracy by the top JeM leader, Mufti Abdul Rauf Asghar, brother of Maulana Masood Azhar, based in Pakistan, to recruit persons to carry out terrorist acts in different parts of India. A large number of Pakistan-trained terrorists, weapons and explosives trainers of the JeM had infiltrated into India with the help of their associates in different States.

All the accused, especially Bilal Mir and Muzaffar Bhat, had carried out reconnaissance of targets, arranged hideouts and provided logistical support to terrorists to carry out terror attacks. Sajad Ahmad Khan had been sent to Delhi to carry out fidayeen attacks, and to establish a hideout in Delhi.

The judge also awarded a five-year jail term to Tanveer Ahmed Ganie in the case. He had facilitated transporting of terrorists and logistics.

'E-services in J&K increased from 15 to 227 in two years'

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The number of e-services in Jammu and Kashmir has increased from 15 to 227 in the past two years and as many as 60 services were added since February this year, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) Secretary V. Srinivas told *The Hindu* on Monday.

The department organised the 25th National e-Governance conference at Katra in Jammu on November 26-27 that was presided over by Union Personnel Minister Jitendra Singh. Mr. Srinivas said that in the next one year the e-services in the Union Territory were expected to cross 400.

"Over a three-year period, the saturation level of 800 e-services can be achieved," he said. Karnataka has 798 services online, he added.

Canada says India a crucial partner, terms China an 'increasingly disruptive' power

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Recognising that the Indo-Pacific region will play a "significant and profound" role in its future, Canada released an Indo-Pacific strategy which termed China an "increasingly disruptive" global power. Calling India a "crucial partner", the strategy said Canada will seek new opportunities to partner and engage in dialogue with India in areas of common interest and values, including security, and the promotion of democracy, pluralism and human rights.

Based on five inter-connected strategic objectives, it announced an ambitious plan, beginning with an investment of $2.3 billion over the next five years.

"China is looking to shape the international order into a more permissive environment for interests and values that increasingly depart from ours," the strategy said. "In areas of profound disagreement, we will challenge China, including when it engages in coercive behaviour ... ignores human rights obligations or undermines our national security interests and those of partners in the region."

Justin Trudeau

As China becomes more assertive and grows in influence, Canada is stepping up as a reliable partner in the region to promote security and stability across the region and at home, the strategy said. "Canada will increase our military engagement and intelligence capacity as a means of mitigating coercive behaviour and threats to regional security," it adds.

India crucial partner

India's growing strategic, economic and demographic importance in the Indo-Pacific makes it a critical partner in Canada's pursuit of its objectives, while also noting that there are shared values and pluralism, among others. In line with this, the strategy said it will grow economic ties, including through deeper trade and investment, as well as cooperate on building resilient supply chains. "Seek to expand market access by concluding an Early Progress Trade Agreement [EPTA] as a step toward a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement," it stated.

On people-to-people connect, the strategy said it would invest in and connect people, including by "bolstering Canada's visa-processing capacity in New Delhi and Chandigarh" as also support academic, educational, cultural, youth and research exchanges.

To advance Canada's regional peace and security interests, it plans to invest over $720 million which includes $492.9 million to reinforce Canada's Indo-Pacific naval presence and increase its military's participation in regional military exercises as well as $47.3 million to launch a new multi-department initiative to help develop cyber security capacity in select regional partners.

Canada also committed $913.3 mn for a clean future, of which $750 million is to support sustainable infrastructure and $84.3 million to reinforce a healthy marine environment in the Indo-Pacific region, including enhanced measures against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. Under the strategy, Canada also committed $143.3 million to strengthen its presence, visibility and influence in the region.

Campaigning peaks in Gujarat as election day approaches

Modi holds rallies in Jamnagar and Palitana, asks public to vote for the BJP to continue development work the State government has initiated

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Ahead of the first round of polling in Gujarat on December 1, the campaigning has intensified, with top leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, camping in the State.

On Monday, Mr. Modi held rallies in Jamnagar and Palitana in Saurashtra and held meetings with Surat's businessmen and diamond factory owners. The meeting assumed significance as the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has focused on a few Patidar-dominated seats in Surat city, challenging the BJP's hold.

On Sunday, Mr. Modi held a 27-km roadshow that culminated in a huge rally on Varachha Road, a constituency where the AAP has fielded a former Patidar Anamat Andolan Samiti (PAAS) leader, Alpesh Kathiriya. The Prime Minister, in his speech in Palitana and Jamnagar, continued to attack the Congress, while exhorting the public to vote for the BJP to continue development work that the State government has initiated.

Capturing minds: Narendra Modi during a public meeting ahead of the Gujarat Assembly election, at Palitana on Monday. PTI

He alleged that the erstwhile Congress government had stopped the armed forces from taking action against terrorists due to the party's vote bank politics, a charge he made in his poll speeches on Sunday as well.

Campaigning for the first phase of election will end on Tuesday evening. As many as 89 seats of the Saurashtra and south Gujarat region will go for voting in the first phase.

From the ruling party, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, who addressed election rallies in several places, told presspersons that Mr. Modi would win a third term as Prime Minister in 2024 with a thumping majority. He said that 2002 communal riots laid the foundation of a 'New Gujarat' and it would be a poll issue for the next 50 years.

'We have been able to effectively expose the BJP's misgovernance in Gujarat'

Congress wants to remain focused on day-to-day issues such as corruption, non-delivery of governance, unemployment and price rise, and that goes well with the voters but perturbs the ruling party in the State, says the senior Congress leader

INTERVIEW

Ramesh Chennithala

Mahesh Langa

Senior Congress leader Ramesh Chennithala is the chairman of the party's screening committee for the selection of candidates for the Assembly election in Gujarat. He has been travelling across the State to campaign as well as oversee the election management. He speaks about the Congress's strategy, how the candidates were selected, the party's campaign and the challenges it faced. Edited excerpts:

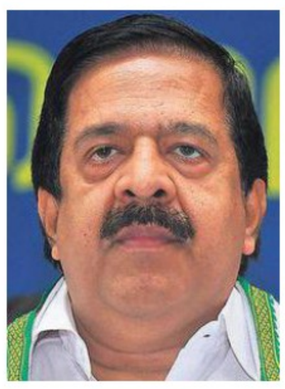
Why is there no visibility of the Congress in the campaign this election?

I don't agree with the view that we are not visible. But this time, we decided to focus more on ground-level campaigning, door-to-door contacts, strengthening booth-level management, and direct contact with voters. And that is working on the ground. Also, our local connect with voters is going to help during the voting.

In a low-key campaign, we have been able to effectively expose the BJP's misgovernance and their failure on multiple fronts. For example, during our ground-level campaign, we talk about COVID-19 mismanagement in the State and people have also been receptive. We just want to remain focussed on day-to-day issues such as corruption, non-delivery of governance, unemployment and price rise, and that goes very well with the voters. Also, that is what perturbs the BJP because we talk about local issues. We will not be distracted from this focused campaign.

Tell us about the strategy over selection of candidates...

This time, we considered all factors keeping in mind caste and social composition of the constituency, winnability, the candidate's profile and loyalty to the party. We have given emphasis on choosing local candidates, who have



connect with the constituents in the area. Another factor we considered was whether the candidates fit in the social base of the party in the area. We dropped as many as 10 sitting MLAs and fielded young and fresh faces. We have given adequate representation to OBCs, tribals, SCs and other castes. Almost 60% of our candidates are below 50 years of age, which means a lot of young and new faces.

And you must have noticed that there are hardly any grievances regarding candidate selection compared with the BJP, where the party has suspended over two dozen leaders for anti-party activities, and several sitting MLAs, ex-MLAs and senior leaders are contesting as Independents.

For the first time, BJP is facing rebellion in over a dozen seats in the State. In our case, our candidate selection was smooth. We did not face any sort of large-scale revolt by the workers and even sitting MLAs who have been dropped.

More than 20 Congress MLAs left the party and defected to the ruling party since the last Assembly election in 2017. Why has that happened?

This is shocking by any standards. There is absolutely no justification for such a large-scale defection. First of all, I will ask why the BJP has to borrow our leaders and legislators? The BJP is in power for over two decades and yet they have to get our legislators defected with the use of money and muscle power. This is really a shameful act and lacks any moral value.

This time, in the candidate selection process, I stressed loyalty factor and the party's high command also agreed that no *aaya ram, gaya ram* (political turncoats) should be encouraged. In fact, when I travelled across the State, at many places, people told me that there should a law prohibiting turncoats from contesting election for five years.

What are the promises the party is making to attract voters?

In campaigning, we are focusing on day-to-day governance issues. In our manifesto, we have made 10 promises such as large-scale recruitment in the government for employment, providing free power, gas cylinders at ₹500, subsidy to dairy farmers, free education, setting up new English medium schools, etc. The BJP leaders talk about the 'Gujarat model' but where is the model?

There are no roads, power for irrigation, medical centres or hospitals and no employment in villages. There are vacancies in the government, hospitals and health centres and in schools in Gujarat. We are talking about basic governance and that riles the BJP leaders.

BJP has lost moral right to stay in power, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

As the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) suffered a setback in the recently concluded Haryana Zila Parishad election by winning only 22 of the 100 seats it contested, the Congress on Monday said that the incumbent government had lost the moral right to remain in power, even as political observers feel that the results show that "people seem to be looking for an alternative".

In the zila parishad polls, results for which were declared on Sunday, the BJP won 22 of the 100 seats it contested, while the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) won 15 seats out of the over 100 it contested on the party symbol.

The Congress and Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) did not contest the panchayat polls on party symbols.

The elections to 143 panchayat samitis and 22 zila parishads were held in three phases in Haryana. The State has 22 zila parishads comprising 411 members.

The BJP saw a setback in the zila parishad poll in Panchkula, Ambala, Sirsa and Gurugram, besides Kurukshetra.

In Porbandar, BJP and Congress assess AAP's damage potential

Sandeep Phukan
PORBANDAR

The Porbandar port on India's western coastline looks calm as 36-year-old Bhavin Kotiya supervises the catch of ribbonfish from his boat that has returned to the shore after two weeks of being out in the sea.

"Our biggest problem is the price of diesel that we use in our boats," says Mr. Kotiya, who is from the Kharwa community that makes up 10% of the 2.65 lakh voters in this Assembly constituency.

The Kharwas, or the fisherfolk, are an influential vote bank in as many as 32 constituencies across the State and all the major parties are trying to reach out to them.

While the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Porbandar candidate, Babubhai Bokhiria, who has won consecutive elections since 2012, points out that the State government gives a subsidy of ₹17 per litre of diesel, former Leader of the Opposition and the Congress candidate, Arjunbhai Modhwadia, mentions his party's promise to provide 36,000 litres of sales tax-free diesel annually to every boat owner in the State.

Big catch: Fishermen offload their fresh stock at a port in Porbandar in Gujarat. VIJAY SONEJI

The Aam Admi Party (AAP) has gone one step ahead by fielding Jeevanbhai Jungi, a member of the Kharwa community, who once headed the association of boat owners in Porbandar.

"Yes, the government gives subsidy, but the payments are quite late, with payments pending up to six months. That's why we think one among us will be able to understand our problems better. AAP's Jeevanbhai knows the issues of boat owners," says Mr. Kotiya.

On his part, Mr. Jungi says he is focusing on affordable healthcare, education and employment.

"Our people need them even more," the AAP candidate says.

In the 2017 Assembly election, Mr. Bokhiria defeated Mr. Modhwadia by only 1,855 votes. So, in an election where the ruling party is being cornered over a range of issues such as high fuel prices, including cooking gas, recent increase in power tariff, inflation and high cost of living and loss of incomes post-COVID, a third player is being assessed for its potential to damage the prospects of either of the two traditional rivals.

"The biggest issues today are inflation, unemployment, corruption and law and order. So, when people will go out to vote, they will choose a party that can form the government," Mr. Modhwadia tells *The Hindu*.

He adds, "AAP is the B-team of BJP. They have invested heavily in advertisement and that's why they are visible. On the ground, they don't even have people to campaign."

"As far as the fishing community is concerned, we are not only offering them sales tax-free diesel but also announced ₹50 lakh compensation to those owners whose boats have been seized by Pakistan for straying into their waters," the Congress leader says.

Faced with anti-incumbency and a new entrant to challenge his hold over Mahatma Gandhi's birthplace of Porbandar, Mr. Bokhiria dismisses his rivals.

'AAP buying votes'

"They [AAP] don't have any vote of their own. They are trying to 'buy' them by offering freebies. And as far as the Congress candidate is concerned, people have seen his tenure as an MLA," he says.

On the AAP candidate being a member of the Kharwa community, he says, "Is there any other State in India that gives ₹17 subsidy on diesel and above 20,000 to 25,000 litres of subsidised diesel? They [Kharwas] are with us."

Right to religion does not include right to convert, Home Ministry tells court

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The right to religion does not include the right to convert other people to a particular religion, especially through fraud, deception, coercion, allurement and other means, the Ministry of Home Affairs told the Supreme Court on Monday.

The Ministry said the word 'propagate' in Article 25 (right to freedom of religion) does not include the right to convert. It is rather in the nature of a positive right to spread one's religion by exposition of its tenets.

The government said that, "Fraudulent or induced conversion impinged upon the right to freedom of conscience of an individual apart from hampering public order and therefore, the state is well within its power to regulate or restrict it".

> There may be freedom of religion but there may not be freedom of religion by forced conversion... Everybody has the right to choose their religion, but not by forced conversion
> Justices M.R. Shah and Hima Kohli

The Centre said that the statutes enacted in the past to curb "the menace of organised, sophisticated large-scale illegal conversion" was upheld by the Supreme Court.

On November 14, the apex court observed that fraudulent religious conversions "ultimately affect the security of the nation and freedom of religion and conscience of citizens". It had asked the Centre to "step in" and clarify in an affidavit what it intended to do to curb compulsory or deceitful religious conversions.

"There may be freedom of religion but there may not be freedom of religion by forced conversion... This is a very serious issue. Everybody has the right to choose their religion, but not by forced conversion or by giving temptation," a Bench of Justices M.R. Shah and Hima Kohli had said.

The case was listed on Monday but was adjourned to December 5.

Budget preparation begins in Rajasthan

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

After the storm created by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's stinging remarks on his former deputy Sachin Pilot, the exercise for presentation of the 2023-24 State Budget ahead of the schedule has started in Rajasthan. The State Assembly's Budget Session is likely to be convened in January amid indications that Mr. Gehlot will try to consolidate his position among the ruling Congress MLAs.

An early Budget Session is expected to strengthen Mr. Gehlot's position despite the widening of cracks within the ruling party, as the high command will find it difficult to affect a change of guard.

The Chief Minister may announce some fresh populist schemes in the Budget and seek time till the 2023 Assemble election for implementing them.

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Period of Completion : 18 (Eighteen) Calendar Months.
Pre-Bid meeting is to be conducted on 13.12.2022 at 12.30 P.M.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
		From	To
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Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Idco Tower, Bhubaneswar.	Bid Id. No. P&C/EST/E-108 / 2022-23	17.00 Hours of 05.12.2022	17.00 Hours of 27.12.2022

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, www.Tendersorissa.gov.in and Corrigendum if any will not be published in news papers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal www.tenderorissa.gov.in and IDCO Website www.idco.in.

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website : www.hdmc.gov.in

No:HDMC/TENDER/2022-23 Date : 28-11-2022

E-Tender Notification on Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation LED street light Project.

1. Hubballi-Dharwad Muncipal Corporation invites the Request for Proposal (RFP) from eligible bidders through E-Procurement portal under Karnataka Public Procurement & Transperancy Act-1999-2000 on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

Sl. No.	Indent No.	Name of Work	EMD Amount (Rs.)	Concession Period
1	DMA/ HDMC/ EE/PPP/ LED/ 2022-23	Selection of Concessionaire for Implementation and Maintenance of LED Street lights/Lighting System and Centralized Control and Monitoring System through Public Private Partnership (PPP) for Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation.	9357000.00	7 years

(2) The bidders have to participate through online procurement only. The website for "ONLINE BIDDING" is http/www.epoc.karnataka.gov.in (3) All the RFP & Draft Concessionaire Agreement (DCA) documents can be seen and obtained from website http/www.epoc.karnataka.gov.in "Urban Development Departments" and Department location "Hubballi Dharwad Muncipal Corporation". Bid document can also be viewed by typing DMA/HDMC/EE/PPP/LED/2022-23 in tender number tab in e-portal. (4) All the payments to be made through E-procurement only. (5) RFP documents will be available for bidding on above website from date: **01-12-2022** onwards. (6) The last date for submission of RFP is **31-12-2022** at 4.00pm (7) Technical proposal will be opened on : **02-01-2023** at 11.00 am (8) Pre-bid meeting will be held on **12-12-2022** at 11.00am at the Meeting hall of the Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation, Hubballi. (9) Other details regarding RFP can be seen in the RFP documents. (10) Any information on Addendum /Corrigeridum/Cancellation of tender can be seen only in the above said website. (11) For further details/queries please contact Executive Engineer (Electrical) during the office hours on Mobile No. **9448783522/9742019288** information can also be obtained from website http/www.epoc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Commissioner,
Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation, Hubli

DIPR/DWD/MCA/787/2022-23

INBRIEF

J&K ex-CM Mehbooba vacates official residence, rejects offer

Offered a "dilapidated" accommodation after eviction, former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti on Monday decided to shift to a private house on the outskirts of Srinagar. Following an eviction notice issued by the Lieutenant-Governor's administration, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader vacated her official residence, Fair View, located on Gupkar Road in Srinagar, after 18 years. "The new official residence offered to us in Tulsi Bagh area of Srinagar was unliveable and in a dilapidated condition. We decided to shift to a close relative's house in Khimber area," a family member said.

'Name new Parliament complex after Ambedkar'

The All India Confederation of SC/ST Organisations on Monday renewed its call for naming the new Parliament complex in New Delhi after Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, at a public rally in the capital city. Udit Raj, former MP and national chairman of the confederation, said the current government had a proclivity for naming and renaming buildings and roads, and that there was no reason it could not name the new Parliament complex after Dr. Ambedkar. The demand had been raised by the confederation before as well and the Telangana Assembly had passed a resolution for the same earlier this year. The confederation also demanded that the government roll back the EWS reservation.

Bharat Biotech's intranasal vaccine gets booster dose nod

Bharat Biotech's COVID-19 intranasal vaccine iNCOVACC (BBV154) has received Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) approval under restricted use in emergency situation for ages 18 and above for heterologous booster doses. It is the first intranasal vaccine to receive both primary series and heterologous booster approval, the vaccine maker said on Monday. Heterologous booster dose studies were conducted for safety and immunogenicity in about 875 subjects, with BBV154 intranasal vaccine administered post two doses of the two commonly administered COVID-19 vaccines. The trials were held at nine sites across the country.

Boundary row: Ministers to meet activists in Belagavi

As the decades-old inter-State border dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka continues to simmer, Maharashtra Ministers Shambhuraj Desai and Chandrakant Patil will meet pro-Maharashtra activists in Belagavi in Karnataka on December 3 to discuss the ongoing issue. Mr. Desai on Monday said he and Mr. Patil, both coordinating Ministers for the border row between the two States, would have a day-long meeting with Madhyavarti Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti activists. "We are fully geared up for the legal battle, which we believe will be in our favour," he said.

Centre plans to document cultures, social practices of indigenous, tribal societies

Experts make a presentation before President Droupadi Murmu; plan is to encourage sociologists, anthropologists and researchers to research and document practices of their own communities

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST), along with the Union government, is now pushing for the "re-documentation" of the cultures and social practices of indigenous and tribal societies in India, existing scholarly literature on which, it says, is heavily reliant on the body of knowledge created by colonising governments.

The plan is to encourage more sociologists, anthropologists and researchers from India's indigenous and tribal communities to research and document the cultural, social and historical practices of their own communities in a bid to replace the colonial-era body of work on this subject, NCST Chairperson Harsh Chouhan explained, adding that this will enable the government to understand tribal societies, identity and rights better.

First-hand experience: President Droupadi Murmu visiting a tribal museum in Bhopal on November 16. PTI

Professors, Tribal Research Institute (TRI) Directors, researchers and other academics who have been attending a two-day workshop this week on the way forward to achieve this goal, also met with President Droupadi Murmu on Monday night at the Rashtrapati Bhavan for a presentation to her, after which Ms. Murmu launched a book compiling unheard stories of the sacrifice and bravery with which tribal communities and leaders resisted British rulers.

During the closing remarks of the workshop, Ms. Murmu said, "This should not be the end. It should be the beginning of efforts to hold similar events and workshops across the country."

She added that she hoped this workshop would inspire youth to research and write about the histories and cultures of their own communities.

Valuable knowledge

From ways to treat illnesses and ways to make weapons to ways of protecting nature and ways of passing along knowledge through community songs, Ms. Murmu said that the knowledge of tribal communities needs to be included in the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) that the National Education Policy is now focusing on, and that this knowledge of tribal communities will play an important role in making India a "knowledge superpower".

'Centre must present correct info on GM mustard before SC'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The group urged the court to pass orders to uproot and destroy GM mustard crop planted

A day ahead of the Supreme Court hearing on a petition against the testing of GM mustard, a group of scientists and activists has urged the Centre to present "correct information" before the court.

Alleging that the Centre's affidavit on the matter is an attempt to mislead the court, they said the Centre should be transparent in its filings since the issue concerns the life and livelihoods of all citizens of the country.

Dhiraj Singh, former Director of the Directorate of Rapeseed Mustard Research, said the country's production of rapeseed-mustard had increased by around 38% in the past decade.

"We are self-sufficient when it comes to mustard oil demand and supply. Further, farmers already have more than a dozen non-GM mustard hybrid options in the market which are well-performing, and high yielding than GM hybrid... In such a context, where is the need for GM mustard? Why is the Supreme Court being told that we need this option, which is risky and irreversible," he asked.

They urged the apex court to immediately pass orders to uproot and destroy GM mustard crop planted in multiple sites, in defiance of Court orders.

Kavitha Kuruganti of the Coalition for a GM-Free India said at least in five areas the Centre is actively providing incorrect information to the Supreme Court. "A herbicide-tolerant crop has not even been tested as a herbicide-tolerant crop and India does not have any specific regulatory protocols for the same. Conflict of interest continues along with opaque functioning and hiding of biosafety data," she said.

End the prosecution of Assange, media organisations tell U.S.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Asserting that "publishing is not a crime", five international media organisations, which had published the first tranche of documents of Wikileaks in 2010, have asked the U.S. government to end the prosecution of Julian Assange for releasing the confidential governmental documents. They said his indictment threatened to undermine the "freedom of press".

On November 28, 2010, *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *Le Monde*, *El País* and *Der Spiegel* published a series of revelations in cooperation with WikiLeaks that made headlines around the globe.

The set of 2,51,000 cables from the U.S. State Department, named "Cablegate", disclosed corruption, diplomatic scandals and spy affairs on an international scale.

Mr. Assange, publisher of WikiLeaks, was arrested in London on April 12, 2019, on a U.S. warrant, and has since been in a high-security British prison. He faces extradition to the U.S. and a sentence of up to 175 years in a maximum-security prison.

In a joint letter to the U.S. administration, the media outlets said: "This indictment sets a dangerous precedent, and threatens to undermine America's first amendment and the freedom of the press."

"This group of editors and publishers, all of whom had worked with Assange, felt the need to publicly criticise his conduct in 2011 when unredacted copies of the cables were released, and some of us are concerned about the allegations in the indictment that he attempted to aid in computer intrusion of a classified database. But ...we come together now to express our grave concerns about the continued prosecution of Julian Assange for obtaining and publishing classified materials," the letter said.

Two detained after police van carrying Mehrauli murder accused attacked

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police have recovered one of the mini-saws allegedly used by Aftab Poonawalla to dismember his live-in partner Shraddha Walkar at his house in Chattarpur in south Delhi, sources said on Monday.

A senior police officer said they recovered the weapon from Mehrauli forest, where several teams of the Delhi Police and Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) experts have been scouring for the past several days to recover pieces of bones or blood stains that might match with Shraddha's DNA sample.

"Police teams deployed at Mehrauli forest have also recovered suspected body parts of Shraddha based on Aftab's confession," the officer said.

Meanwhile, a police van carrying Aftab on Monday was attacked by a few men wielding swords when he was returning to Tihar jail from the forensic laboratory.

Street attack: Men with swords attack a police van carrying Aftab Poonawala in New Delhi on Monday. ANI

The men attacked the van even as the police personnel waved a gun to stop them.

A senior police officer said they received information about the men claiming to be from the Hindu Sena attacking Aftab's vehicle. A police team was sent to the spot. The officer said they were still verifying the men's affiliations. "Aftab escaped unhurt and the men were not able to enter inside the van," the officer added.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Rohini) G.S. Sidhu said the men stopped the police van and obstructed personnel in discharging their duty by wielding swords and attacking the vehicle with stones.

"Two persons have been detained and are currently being questioned," he said.

An FIR under IPC Sections pertaining to obstructing a public servant from discharging his duty, among others, has been lodged.

Man killed, body chopped by wife, son: Delhi Police

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A 45-year-old man was allegedly killed by his wife and son who dismembered his body into 10 pieces and stored them in the fridge for nearly two days before disposing of them on a ground at Trilokpuri in east Delhi, the police said. The incident took place in May.

The accused were identified as Poonam Devi, 48, and Deepak, 25. The deceased was identified as Anjan Das, Ms. Poonam's third husband. Mr. Deepak is Ms. Poonam's son from her second marriage.

Special Commissioner of Police (Crime) Ravindra Yadav said they got a tip-off on June 5 regarding decomposed body parts lying on a ground. They zeroed down on the accused when they received another tip-off that one Anjan Das had been missing for months, and his family members had not reported it to the police nor made any efforts to trace him.

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(set by Karaoke)

To solve this puzzle online, get across to our crossword site. @ https://qrgo.page.link/jjpTn

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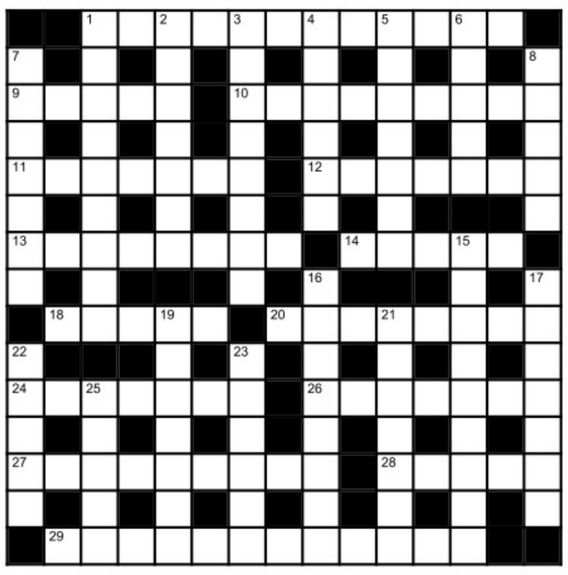

Across

1 Audience get endlessly motivated here (5,7)
9 Hotel worker secretly rears bird (5)
10 Go-getter wears essentially priceless synthetic fabric (9)
11 Some mediocre American milk substitute (7)
12 Non-stop entertainment, hide bishop in closet (7)
13 A-One bird flying, carefree (8)
14 Snake in the banks of Ganges catches your breath (5)
18 Almost deep cut (5)
20 Firm rejected dialogue to include some bonus in pay out (8)
24 Cataract patient gets computer aided diagnosis primarily (7)
26 Left-leaning state scores on information, software and technology initially (7)
27 She works at home with fake surname and papers (9)
28 Cut corners and avoid getting married (5)
29 Setter indulged in manipulating mandate to win repeatedly (4,3,5)

Down

1 Easily influenced by master, learner drawn in by beer can (9)
2 Organic compound from critical colliery with depleted ends (7)
3 Using log finally figure out time for aubergine product (8)
4 Jerk up and down consuming pot heartily with strong liquor (6)
5 All get bras shortened! — It helps to solve problems (7)
6 Public official mostly returns to shop (3,2)
7 Do I hear nut to yield? (7)
8 Amateur leaves shed slowly (5)
15 Hell with ambiguous prediction sparing clubs (9)
16 A middle course by means of communication (3,5)
17 Maybe 26 cut needless official procedure (3,4)
19 The French display case at Greece poorly without basic courtesy (7)
21 Coffeemaker's staff get limited chance to take advance (7)
22 I testify loudly for killing (5)
23 Intern in particular cleared licentiate at final examination (6)
25 Khan in rotten serial, never-ending (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

5	1	2	3	7	8	9	6	4
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8	4	5	1	2	6	7	3	9
7	3	4	5	8	2	1	9	6
1	5	8	6	9	7	4	2	3
6	2	9	4	1	3	8	5	7

FAITH

Tamil literature on virtues

The Tamil word 'aram' means doing the proper things and performing good deeds, said Malayaman, in a discourse. Avvaiyar says that aram means providing food to the hungry and money to the poor. Providing food, shelter and clothing is aram, says Seethalai Sathanar, the author of Manimekalai. Kanimedaviyar emphasises the same idea in his work Eladi. Vilambi Naganar, author of Naanmanikkadigai, says discipline and good conduct are essential in life. According to him, living an honest and upright life is aram. Poet Kaari Asan, in his Siru Panchamoolam, says serving food to others in one's own home, giving water to a thirsty man and establishing roads with shade giving trees can be called aram.

Jain work Naladiyar, while defining aram, shows us how we should conduct ourselves in life. Naladiyar says that if a man does not listen to gossip about other people's private affairs, if he does not see another man's wife with wrong intentions and if he abstains from speaking ill of a person behind his back, then you don't have to teach him what aram means. In other words, such qualities constitute aram. Thirukkural says that having a pure heart is aram. So, what are the qualities we must shun, to have such purity? We must not be prone to jealousy, greed, anger or the tendency to use harsh words. Not coveting another man's wife is aram, Thiruvalluvar says in yet another verse. When someone visits us, we must welcome them with a smiling countenance, and with sweet words, says Thiruvalluvar. This too is classified by him as aram. If we care about the welfare of others and speak pleasantly to people, then our sins fade away and aram (virtues) increases.

YAOUNDÉ

Landslip washes out funeral party in Cameroon, death toll rises to 15

REUTERS

At least 15 people died when a landslip engulfed members of a funeral party in the Cameroonian capital of Yaounde, the local governor said on Monday. The victims had gathered in marquees at the top of a hill for a memorial service on Sunday when the ground collapsed. AFP

HONOLULU

Mauna Loa, world's largest active volcano, starts to erupt in Hawaii

Hawaii's Mauna Loa, the world's largest active volcano, began spewing ash and debris from its summit, prompting civil defence officials to warn residents on Monday to prepare in case the eruption causes lava to flow toward communities. The eruption began late Sunday night following a series of earthquakes. AP

JERUSALEM

Israel's Likud party signs coalition deal with anti-LGBTQ radical

Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has struck a coalition deal with a small ultranationalist faction leader known for homophobic rhetoric and disparaging remarks about non-Orthodox Jews. Mr. Netanyahu's Likud party announced on Sunday that Noam faction leader Avi Maoz is named as a Deputy Minister. AP

MOGADISHU

Somali troops overpower militants to end hotel siege; 8 civilians killed

Somali security forces stormed Villa Rose, a hotel in the capital, on Monday to end a near day-long siege by al Shabaab militants who killed nine people at the building near the President's residence in Mogadishu, the police said. Eight among the dead were civilians and one was a soldier, said the police spokesperson. REUTERS

China govt. doubles down on zero-COVID as anger grows

China believes that its fight against COVID-19 will be successful, with the leadership of the Communist Party and support of the Chinese people, says a Foreign Ministry spokesperson

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China's government on Monday doubled down on its controversial "zero-COVID" strategy amid unprecedented protests against lockdowns in many Chinese cities.

The weekend's protests in Beijing and Shanghai were not repeated on Monday amid a high security presence in both cities. Some universities in the Chinese capital, such as Tsinghua University, that saw students come out and protest over the weekend have made plans to send students home early for the winter break, apparently to prevent further gatherings.

The unprecedented protests, on a scale not seen since 1989, have challenged the ruling Communist Party and leader Xi Jinping, who began a third five-year term last month.

The protesters have called for an end to the lockdowns that are mandated under Mr. Xi's "zero-COVID policy". In some gatherings, protesters have voiced broader concerns and called for democracy, freedom of speech and for Mr. Xi to step down – demands that will alarm the Chinese leadership and likely lead to a crackdown.

Stifled voices: Police pinning down a protester during a rally against the harsh COVID-19 restrictions, in Shanghai, China. AP

Journalist arrested

At the Shanghai protest, several were dragged away by police and videos that emerged on Monday showed a policeman repeatedly hitting a female protester inside a bus where others had been detained. The BBC said its Shanghai correspondent Ed Lawrence had been arrested and beaten and kicked by the police, and subsequently released. "The BBC is extremely concerned about the treatment of our journalist Ed Lawrence, who was arrested and handcuffed while covering the protests in Shanghai," a statement said.

The protests have come amid a COVID-19 wave with more than 40,000 cases reported on Monday.

Despite the widespread anger, the government on Monday doubled down on "zero-COVID". A commentary in the official Xinhua news agency called for "unswervingly adhering" to the policy, while adding that "governments at all levels will continue to ...strive to minimise the impact of the epidemic on the lives of the masses." Another Xinhua commentary, somewhat contradictorily, also called for building more and better centralised quarantine facilities.

Asked about the anger and frustration and whether the policy would be ended soon, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said, "What you mentioned does not reflect the reality". "China has been following the dynamic zero-COVID policy and has been making adjustments based on realities on the ground. We believe that with the leadership of the Communist Party and support of the Chinese people, our fight against COVID-19 will be successful."

Ukraine on the edge, West eyes humanitarian support

Associated Press
KYIV

Ukraine prepared for more Russian strikes on Monday and warned of the possibility for a new round of evacuations from the capital during a relative lull from the air strikes on energy facilities and other key infrastructure in recent weeks.

In the West, meanwhile, preparations were stepped up to boost humanitarian aid to Ukraine so that the population can enjoy some warmth during their coldest months of need and keep the resolve of the nation as high as possible.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky warned that Russian troops "are preparing new strikes and as long as they have missiles, they won't stop."

"The upcoming week can be as hard as the one that passed," he said.

Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said that part of the city's 3 million people might well have to be evacuated to places where essential services would be less prone to shutdowns caused by missile attacks.

Russia has pounded energy facilities around Kyiv with a barrage of missile strikes, resulting in power outages and halts in water supplies to the city.

Scraping by: A Ukranian resident sourcing firewood from the rubble of a house destroyed in Russian shelling. REUTERS

Minimising damage

And with temperatures hovering around freezing, and expected to dip as low as minus 11 degree Celsius in little more than a week, international help was increasingly focused on items like generators and auto-transformers, to make sure blackouts that affect everything from kitchens to operating rooms are as limited and short as possible.

Russian President Vladimir Putin "continues trying to make Ukraine a black hole – no light, no electricity, no heating to put the Ukrainians into the darkness and the cold," said European foreign policy chief Josep Borrell. "So we have to continue our support providing more material for the Ukrainians to face the winter without electricity." Over the next three days NATO top officials and foreign ministers will be gathering in Bucharest, Romania, where such humanitarian aspects will also be assessed.

Also on Monday, Russia denied that it had plans to withdraw from the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in southern Ukraine, which it has occupied since the early days of the war.

Postponing arms control talks with U.S., says Russia

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Russia announced on Monday that it was postponing highly-anticipated arms control talks with the U.S., scheduled to take place in Egypt despite tensions over the Ukraine conflict.

"The session of the bilateral coordinating committee on the Russian-American START Treaty, previously scheduled to take place in Cairo between November 29 and December 6, will not take place on the dates indicated," a Foreign Ministry spokesperson told state-run news agency TASS.

"The event is postponed to a later date," the spokesperson was cited as saying.

No other details were provided.

The U.S. had said this month that it expected to meet with Russia soon to discuss the possible resumption of inspections under New START.

Moscow announced in August that it was suspending U.S. inspections of its military sites, saying it was responding to American obstruction of inspections by Russia.

Taking up arms: Police cars drive through a main boulevard in Brussels, as violence broke out over Morocco's win at the World Cup. AP

Riots in Belgium after Morocco win in Qatar

Press Trust of India
BRUSSELS

Riots broke out in several Belgian and Dutch cities after Morocco's 2-0 upset win over Belgium at the World Cup. The police detained about a dozen people after they deployed water cannons and fired tear gas to disperse crowds in Brussels on Sunday and eight more in the northern city of Antwerp.

Two police officials were injured in the Dutch port city of Rotterdam. By late evening Sunday, an uneasy calm had returned to most of the cities involved. Dozens of rioters overturned and torched cars, set electric scooters on fire and threw cars with bricks. The police moved in after one person suffered facial injuries, said Brussels police spokeswoman Ilse Van de Keere.

There were also disturbances in the city of Antwerp and Liege.

U.K. to strengthen ties with Europe, Indo-Pacific: Sunak

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak will say his country seeks to renew relationships in Europe while deepening ties in the Indo Pacific, as he delivers his first major foreign policy speech since taking office in October.

"We will evolve, anchored always by our enduring belief in freedom, openness and the rule of law and confident that, in this moment of challenge and competition, our interests will be protected and our values will prevail," Mr. Sunak will tell business and other leaders at a dinner hosted by the Lord Mayor of the City of London.

Mr. Sunak is expected to say that competitors like Russia and China plan for the long term and the U.K. will need to do the same, according to a preview of the speech released by Downing Street.

"So we will make an evolutionary leap in our approach. This means being stronger in defending our values and the openness on which our prosperity depends," he will say, adding that this is underpinned by delivering a "stronger economy at home".

Rishi Sunak

Assistance for Kyiv

Mr. Sunak, who was in Kyiv on November 19, where he announced a £50 million assistance for Ukraine, is expected to reiterate the U.K.'s commitment to holding or increasing aid levels for Kyiv in 2023 (the amount so far has been £2.3 billion pounds, the second highest amount of aid after the U.S., as per official U.K. estimates).

"...Be in no doubt. We will stand with Ukraine for as long as it takes. We will maintain or increase our military aid next year. And we will provide new support for air defence, to protect the Ukrainian people and the critical infrastructure that they rely on," Mr. Sunak will say.

The U.K. is currently updating its integrated review of foreign and security policy, published in March 2021. The document had announced an "Indo Pacific tilt" for the U.K.

The update, announced by the Liz Truss administration will "take account of the huge geopolitical shifts" since March 2021, " including the sharpening of inter-state competition due to the actions of countries like Russia, China and Iran" according to Downing Street.

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Tender Call Notice No. H.O./P&C/EST-E-2060/01/2022 30078 Dated :- 21.11.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH e-Procurement

Name of the Work : Providing first and last mile connectivity of 1.08km long 1-Lane approach road to 2-Lane with drain from NH-220(Ch.0/00 Km) to End of MSME Park near Rairangpur Govt. College (Ch.1/080Km) at Mayurbhanj District in Odisha for bridging connectivity gap.
Estimated Cost : Rs.120.39 Lakhs (approx.).
Period of Completion : 03 (Three) Calendar Months.
Pre-Bid meeting is to be conducted on 16.12.2022 at 3.30 P.M.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
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1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Idco Tower, Bhubaneswar.	Bid Id. No. P&C/EST/E-105 / 2022-23	17.00 Hours of 02.12.2022	17.00 Hours of 19.12.2022

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, www.Tendersorissa.gov.in and Corrigendum if any will not be published in news papers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal www.tenderorissa.gov.in and IDCO Website www.idco.in.

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INVITATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTS

The Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board set up under the Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Act, 2012 acts as the nodal agency for infrastructure development in the State. The Board is looking for experienced dynamic candidates for various positions in the organization, on contract basis.

1. SECTOR EXPERTS

Candidates with minimum 15 years of experience in providing advisory, strategic, and analytical support on sectors / themes namely (1) Urban Infrastructure & Services or (2) Transport Infrastructure & Services or (3) Highways & Public Works or (4) Energy or (5) Tourism or (6) Public Private Partnerships with minimum qualification of post-graduation or equivalent in relevant streams.

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Last date for receipt of application is 30.12.2022

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Pakistan Taliban end ceasefire, order nationwide attacks

Agence France-Presse
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Taliban said on Monday they have called off a shaky ceasefire agreed with the government in June and ordered fighters to stage attacks across the country.

The Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), a separate entity from the Taliban in Afghanistan but sharing a similar Islamist ideology, have been responsible for hundreds of attacks and thousands of deaths since emerging in 2007. They agreed to a truce earlier this year after Afghanistan's new Taliban rulers took a prominent role in brokering peace talks, but negotiations made little progress and there were frequent breaches.

Less than two weeks ago the TTP claimed an ambush that killed six policemen in northwest Pakistan, claiming they were plotting a "raid" on their base in the area.

Attempt to destroy

Since Friday, the military has been patrolling the area in an attempt to root out militants, with helicopter gunships shelling their hideouts. The TTP was founded in 2007 by Pakistani jihadists who fought alongside the Taliban in Afghanistan in the 1990s before opposing Islamabad's support for American intervention there after 9/11.

INBRIEF

Centre receives ₹5,001 cr. as dividend tranche from ONGC

The Centre has received about ₹5,001 crore as dividend tranche from ONGC, taking the total dividend receipt from all central public sector enterprises this fiscal to ₹23,797 crore.

As per guidelines, central public sector unis are required to pay a minimum annual dividend of 30% of profit after tax, or 5% of net worth, whichever is higher. PTI

Motilal Oswal invests ₹450 cr. in two SP Real Estate projects

Motilal Oswal Alternates (MOA), the alternative investments arm of the Motilal Oswal Group, said it had made an investment of ₹450 crore in two projects of Shapoorji Pallonji Real Estate. While one is a partially completed, leased and operational commercial project in Manesar, the other is a residential township project started in 2021. "The investment made through structured debt instruments will be utilised towards working capital for the project, repayment of debt, and financial closure," MOA said in a statement.

German auto parts supplier Schaeffler opens Pune centre

Schaeffler, a Germany-based components supplier to the automotive and industrial sectors, has expanded its software and electronics capability by setting up a software development centre in Pune at an investment of €10 million. The newly-formed entity, Schaeffler Technology Solutions India, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Schaeffler Group, would hire 200 engineers in India by the end of 2022 and would support Schaeffler's e-mobility business division globally, the company said.

SBI projects Q2 GDP growth at 5.8%, cites dip in activity

Higher input costs weighed down manufacturing sector performance, research wing reckons; Crisil, ICRA, BoB economists had earlier projected 6.5% growth in the July-September quarter

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Indian economy is likely to clock GDP growth of just 5.8% in the second quarter of this year, State Bank of India (SBI) economists estimated in a report. This is less than half the 13.5% uptick recorded in April-June.

Last week, economists at Bank of Baroda and rating agencies such as Crisil and ICRA had projected a 6.5% growth in the July to September quarter. The National Statistical Office will release its estimates for the economy's Q2 performance on Wednesday.

"There is a wide divergence in market consensus regarding Q2 GDP numbers. Consensus estimates are at 6.1%," the author, group chief economic adviser Soumya Kanti Ghosh, noted in the report. The bank's nowcasting model, which uses 30 high-frequency indicators and neural networks, pegs Q2 GDP growth at 5.8%. Economic activity, it said, had been declining between June and September, but had risen in October. So, the bank is more optimistic about growth prospects in the ongoing quarter.

"Q2 Manufacturing... growth is likely be weak on the back of margin compression," SBI said, citing 14% year-on-year decline in EBIDTA among corporates outside the banking and financial services space.

Brakes on

SBI economists point to wide divergence in market consensus regarding Q2 GDP numbers

- Last week, economists at Bank of Baroda, Crisil and ICRA had projected Q2 growth at 6.5%
- Govt. set to release official Q2 numbers on Wednesday
- SBI cites 14% dip in earnings before interest, depreciation, tax and amortisation for firms outside of banking, financial services, insurance space

Bank credit grew 17.2% in September quarter: RBI

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Bank credit growth improved to 17.2% in the September quarter from 7% in the year-earlier period, reflecting a pick-up in economic activity.

"Credit growth remained broad-based; all population groups and bank groups recorded double-digit annual growth," the Reserve Bank of India said while releasing 'Quarterly Statistics on Deposits and Credit of SCBs: September 2022.'

It further said the all-India credit-deposit ratio increased further to 74.8% in September 2022 from 70% a year earlier.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	62,505	0.34
US Dollar	81.68	0.03
Gold	52,822	-0.02
Brent oil	82.54	-

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3886.15	-14.95
Adani Ports	878.60	-1.00
Apollo Hosp	4721.85	-67.60
Asian Paints	3151.20	43.05
Axis Bank	891.70	3.95
Bajaj Auto	3676.70	36.45
Bajaj Finserv	1652.85	19.15
Bajaj Finance	6777.45	29.95
Bharti Airtel	837.40	-9.45
BPCL	340.75	16.30
Britannia Ind	4213.05	29.35
Cipla	1101.75	-3.60
Coal India	229.85	-1.55
Divis Lab	3375.55	32.90
Dr Reddys Lab	4402.00	-16.10
Eicher Motors	3441.40	27.30
Grasim Ind	1716.95	-18.20
HCL Tech	1118.80	-9.40
HDFC	2658.70	-22.65
HDFC Bank	1600.25	-17.40
HDFC Life	586.00	-0.60
Hero MotoCorp	2783.50	75.35
Hindalco	431.15	-9.50
Hind Unilever	2525.20	-12.25
ICICI Bank	937.40	7.10
IndusInd Bank	1197.85	10.75
Infosys	1623.40	-12.25
ITC	340.05	-0.25
JSW Steel	715.65	-10.55
Kotak Bank	1928.15	-0.25
L&T	2064.45	1.70
M&M	1250.70	-10.10
Maruti Suzuki	8985.40	-34.10
NestleIndia	19815.45	286.10
NTPC	170.40	0.65
ONGC	139.60	-0.95
PowerGrid Corp	221.30	0.70
Reliance Ind	2707.55	89.95
SBI Life	1253.50	18.25
State Bank	608.60	1.20
Sun Pharma	1034.75	0.90
TataConsumerProduct	804.30	15.15
Tata Motors	433.25	0.05
Tata Steel	104.90	-1.30
TCS	3395.25	5.60
Tech Mahindra	1077.20	-2.95
Titan	2592.25	-3.15
UltraTech Cement	6892.30	18.30
UPL	779.65	2.50
Wipro	405.65	2.85

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 28

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.47	81.79
Euro	85.36	85.70
British Pound	98.60	99.00
Japanese Yen (100)	59.20	59.44
Chinese Yuan	11.30	11.34
Swiss Franc	86.60	86.95
Singapore Dollar	59.35	59.60
Canadian Dollar	60.66	60.90
Malaysian Ringitt	18.15	18.28
Australian Dollar	54.68	54.89

Source:Indian Bank

Trade unions want Centre to restore Old Pension Scheme

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Central trade unions on Monday urged Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to restore the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) and sought measures to check price rise and unemployment.

Almost all Central Trade Unions (CTUs) except the RSS-supported Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) boycotted the pre-Budget discussions with the FM, demanding a physical rather than a virtual meeting be held and more time to present their suggestions.

Unions said Centre's privatisation policies and monetisation pipeline were bound to drive up prices

The BMS sought social security for all workers and urged the FM to ensure the Budget is directed towards the betterment of the lower strata of the society.

"It comprises unorganised sector, agricultural sector, BPL, lower middle class, village industries, micro and small industries, marginalised sectors, women and youth," the BMS said. The other CTUs said the Centre's policies of privatisation and the National Monetisation Pipeline were bound to increase prices of the services they offer.

The CTUs added the issue of unemployment is assuming alarming proportions. Later in the day, the Finance Minister concluded the pre-Union Budget consultations by holding parleys with leading economists. More than 110 invitees from seven stakeholder groups, participated in meetings over the past week, the Ministry said.

China traders to buy low-cost India iron ore

REUTERS
BEIJING

China is set to snap up significant volumes of low-grade Indian iron ore in coming weeks, as Chinese steelmakers seek out cheaper raw materials to cope with meagre profits, said traders and analysts.

India scraps tax

On November 19, India scrapped a 50% export tax on iron ore that been in place since May, and although the country is a minor producer compared with Australia and Brazil, cheaper ores are currently in hot demand.

"We are looking to resume buying from India after six months of suspension," said a Shanghai-based iron ore trader who booked some cargoes of Indian pellets for December shipment.

"There's room for prices to rise as demand for low-grade iron ore fines and pellets are supported by steelmakers' incentives to bring down costs."

Steel demand in the world's top producer of the metal has slumped as ballooning COVID-19 cases and a crisis in the property market halt construction.

TRAI working on technology to detect pesky calls

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Telecom regulator TRAI said it is working on technologies to detect pesky calls and messages, along with a joint action plan with other regulators to curb financial frauds.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) said that Unsolicited Commercial Communication (UCC), or pesky communication, is a major source of inconvenience to the public and impinges on the privacy of individuals.

"UCC calls are also one of the concerns which need to be dealt with equally along with UCC SMSes," TRAI said.

Jet revival plan said to totter on discord with creditors

Reuters
MUMBAI

Creditors of India's Jet Airways and the company's new owners are deadlocked over a resolution plan to pull the airline out of bankruptcy, putting the carrier's future in limbo, according to sources.

Creditors may approach India's Aviation Ministry to seek approval to liquidate Jet's assets if a resolution does not emerge during a critical court hearing on Tuesday, said a banker.

"There have been too many delays ... there are concerns the resolution plan may fall apart so, we are looking to see if we can at least get something out of this deal via liquidation route," the banker said.

We remain "fully committed" to getting Jet Airways off the ground, a spokesperson for Jet's new owners said in a statement.

SBI, the lead lender in the consortium of creditors, declined to comment.

'Ran out of cash'

Once India's biggest private carrier, Jet stopped flying in April 2019 after running out of cash and was taken to a bankruptcy court by creditors who were owed about ₹180 billion.

Last June, a restructuring plan was approved by the NCLT and the airline was set to resume operations by the first quarter of 2022 under the new owners – a consortium including London-based Kalrock Capital and businessman Murari Lal Jalan.

However, disagreements between the company's new owners and lenders over the plan risks derailing Jet's recovery.

Lenders believe Jet needs about ₹10 billion of capital to run its operations in full but it hasn't managed to bring that amount to the table.

Auto sector likely to spend ₹65,000 cr. on capex: ICRA

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The auto sector is likely to plan an aggregate capital-expenditure outlay of ₹65,000 crore over FY2023-FY2025 to ramp up capacity to meet demand and for new product development, ICRA said.

Wholesale volumes are projected to touch an all-time high of 3.7-3.8 million units in FY2023, a growth of 21-24% from FY22, backed by buoyed demand, the rating agency wrote in a report.

According to ICRA, the demand for passenger vehicles has remained healthy since the turn of the calendar year, aided by an easing up of semiconductor

shortages (thereby enabling improved production levels across OEMs).

Capacity utilisation of OEMs has hence improved to healthy levels over the past few quarters; factoring in a continuation of strong demand sentiment, the OEMs have now revved up capacity expansion plans. "Even amid the uncertainty caused by the pandemic and the semiconductor crisis, OEMs continued to invest in capacity augmentation and new product development, aided by their strong financial risk profiles," said Rohan Kanwar Gupta, VP and Sector Head – Corporate Ratings, ICRA.

"Multiple OEMs have already announced an aggregate outlay in excess of ₹25,000 crore towards capacity expansion for the next few fiscals," he said. "Besides capex by OEMs, auto-component manufacturers are also expected to scale up investments to support customers."

Despite new capacity, utilisation is likely to remain at comfortable levels, ICRA said.

'Favourable norms help spur digital lending'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Favourable regulations boosted customer confidence in fintech lending as a result of which disbursements more than trebled from the year-earlier period, said Fintech Association for Consumer Empowerment (FACE), a self-regulatory body for fintech lenders.

Implementation of RBI's digital lending guidelines brought tailwinds to the industry as it set clear rules and standards, boosting the confidence of customers and fintech lenders, said Sugandh Saxena, CEO at FACE.

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STILL IN IT

Kudus on the double as Ghana breaks South Korea's resolve

Mohammed Kudus scored twice, including the third goal after South Korea had pulled level 2-2, as Ghana staved off elimination with a 3-2 victory on Monday. Mohammed Salisu also scored for the Black Stars. Cho Geu-sung found the target twice in quick time early on in the second half for Korea before Kudus sealed it for Ghana.

MINOR SCARE

Injured Gavi misses training, but likely to play against Japan

Teenager Gavi did not practice with Spain on Monday, a day after the team's draw with Germany. Gavi was nursing a minor injury sustained during the game. The injury was not expected to keep Gavi from being available for the final group match against Japan on Thursday. Spain needs a draw to reach the round of 16.

SIBLING LOVE

Theo Hernandez wants to win for France and brother Lucas

Theo Hernandez wants to win the World Cup for France. And for his big brother. Lucas Hernandez was in tears when he ruptured the ACL in his right knee last week. "I've been talking with him on the phone every day since he left Qatar. I want to play in every match here, because I want to bring the trophy back for him."

POIGNANT

Enrique remembers late daughter Xana Martinez on "special day"

Spain coach Luis Enrique said it was a "special day" after his team's draw with Germany. But it had nothing to do with football. Enrique said Sunday would have been the 13th birthday of his daughter, Xana Martinez, who died three years ago of a rare form of bone cancer.

Off-colour Brazil huffs & puffs past Switzerland

It finally came down to another wonder strike, this time from Casemiro, to finally put the five-time champion into the knockouts; VAR rules out an earlier attempt by Vinicius Junior

FIFA WORLD CUP

Ayon Sengupta
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Thunderbolt: Casemiro lets fly Brazil's winning goal against Switzerland. AP

Can one man make a team? It was unquestionably yes for Diego Maradona with his electric solos for Argentina in the 1986 Mexico World Cup. And certainly, just one man can make a team better.

While Brazil is a team of talented players, Neymar is the sun around whom the others revolve. But with the forward not there to draw in the opposition and their fouls, the Brazilians failed to gain that extra inch for most of the game and needed another World Cup-worthy strike – this time from Casemiro – for a hard-fought 1-0 win over Switzerland at Stadium 974.

Brazil started half-heartedly as if trying to refigure the way to play which for so long had Neymar leading the process. Tite changed his formation to 4-4-2, dropping Vinicius Junior to the midfield to rely on his speed to run with the ball and prise open the Swiss defence. But the two men upfront – Richarlison and Lucas Paqueta – were often left wandering alone.

Vinicius, who looked the most dangerous, but could not pick the target, failed to get the weight behind his stab on goal after Raphinha's swinging cross came his way in the 27th minute. The Swiss, too, threatened on the counter – now and then – and Ruben Vargas with his back to Alisson's goal, trapped and turned, but the experienced Thiago Silva was quick to spot his trick and rushed in with the crucial block.

Brazil was not its usual self and Alisson, much like he has done a few times at Liverpool, fiddled with the ball and almost suffered as Breel Embolo caught him in the act.

It was Vinicius who seemed to have soothed Brazilian nerves after he ran beyond the lunging challenge of Nico Elvedi with a wee touch of his right foot, and slotted home beyond Yann Sommer in the 65th minute. The Brazilian supporters – in yellow tux and headgear – were ready to start the party but VAR played spoilsport.

Finally, Casemiro, troubled by the inconsistencies around, made a rare foray inside the box and promptly scored with a thundering right footer that travelled past a diving Sommer with just seven minutes of regulation play left. Brazil came searching for a few more and only some last-gasp defending stopped the Swiss from conceding more.

The win and the qualification to the knockouts was secured, but Brazil still missed the radiance of its injured Helios.

The result: Group G: Brazil 1 (Casemiro 83) bt Switzerland 0.

Germany lives to fight another day after 1-1 draw with Spain

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

Firing home: Fullkrug's equaliser helped Germany stay in the race. GETTY IMAGES

This was modern football at its best! The two tactical seminaries of new-age football – Spanish *tiki-taka* against German *gegenpressing* – kept the ball rotating and created neat angles, but a goal was nowhere in sight at the Al Bayt Stadium on Sunday.

In the end the No. 9s, who had come in as afterthoughts, showed their more technical colleagues how easy football can be. Alvaro Morata and Niclas Fullkrug – old-school centre-forwards not much liked in this Cruyff – and Guardiola-inspired days of everything false – made it 1-1.

The forgotten man of Spanish football opened the scoring with a stabbed finish past Manuel Neuer in the 62nd minute. Sergio Busquets, the immune-to-ageing Spain captain, chiselling away in the midfield, moved the ball to Dani Olmo on the left and soon an untiring Jordi Alba had the Spanish substitute hurrying to the ball inside the six-yard box.

While Ferran Torres had already squandered a few chances, Morata took no time to flick this over an onrushing Neuer.

A minute later, Spain should have added another, but Marco Asensio, despite no defenders around, sent his hit miles high. He was promptly replaced by the experienced Koke as Luis Enrique looked for calmer reinforcements.

As another first-round exit hovered on the horizon, Hansi Flick brought in three substitutes. And Werder Bremen striker Fullkrug, with seven minutes left to play, gave Germany a life-raft to cling to.

Leroy Sane did the early hard work to get the ball to Jamal Musiala in the box. With his back to the Spanish goal, the Bayern Munich winger twisted to deal with Rodri snapping behind, and Fullkrug was there to blast it past the hapless Unai Simon.

Germany could have even won and made Group E more interesting as Sane's run created tremors in the Spanish defence, but the German overran and the angle became too acute. Spain had several chances in the first half as its midfield of Busquets, Pedri and Gavi bypassed the German press, overloading the play from left and right. The forwards, however, were not quick enough to deal with the deliveries that came their way.

Antonio Rudiger seemed to have put Germany in front as he headed in a free kick from Joshua Kimmich in the 40th minute, but he had moved a little too soon and VAR ruled it out. The goals came later when the traditional centre-forwards made their point and Germany lived to fight another day.

The result:

Spain 1 (Morata 62) drew with Germany 1 (Fullkrug 83).

Group E

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Spain	2	1	1	0	7	4
Japan	2	1	0	1	0	3
Costa Rica	2	1	0	1	-6	3
Germany	2	0	1	1	-1	1

REMAINING FIXTURES:
DEC. 2: **Japan** *vs* **Spain; Costa Rica** *vs* **Germany**

Group G

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Brazil (Q)	2	2	0	0	3	6
Switzerland	2	1	0	1	0	3
Cameroon	2	0	1	1	-1	1
Serbia	2	0	1	1	-2	1

REMAINING FIXTURES: Q: QUALIFIED
DEC. 3: **Serbia** *vs* **Switzerland; Cameroon** *vs* **Brazil**

Aboubakar steps in to bail out Cameroon

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

Cameroon was out and then it was back. Veteran Vincent Aboubakar, who was subbed in the 10th minute of the second half, beat the offside trap to score one and create another as Serbia was left shaken by this sudden intensity in a 3-3 draw at the Al Janoub Stadium.

Aboubakar raced past the absent opposition and audaciously chipped it over 'keeper Vanja Milinkovic-Savic in the 63rd minute. Two minutes 32 seconds later he turned and ran beyond a flat-footed backline to move the ball to Eric Choupo-Moting, who had no problems in hitting the target.

The end of the first half was equally crazy as Serbia scored twice in stoppage time to sneak ahead and added a third promptly after the restart. Dusan Tadic's teasing freekick created the first, as Strahinja Pavlovic climbed to the top and headed in the equaliser. Two minutes later, Sergej Milinkovic-Savic made it 2-1.

The third in the 53rd minute picked more holes in the Cameroonian defence than in Swiss cheese as the Serbian players had four touches in the opposite box before Aleksandar Mitrovic placed it past the keeper to end the agony.

The lead came for Cameroon from a corner in the 29th minute as Jean-Charles Castelletto was left unmarked at the far post to casually nudge in the goal.

The result: Group G: Cameroon 3 (Castelletto 29, Aboubakar 63, Choupo-Moting 66) drew with Serbia 3 (Pavlovic 45+1, Sergej Milinkovic-Savic 45+3, Mitrovic 53).

The Dutch and Englishmen safe bets to progress

Time to shine? Bit players thus far, England's Foden and Netherlands's Depay may get a look in on Tuesday. AP, REUTERS

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

Nine days of the World Cup are over, and two teams are already out, their World Cup dream ended even before the last set of group games.

Qatar, already eliminated after two losses to Ecuador and Senegal, can salvage some pride with an unlikely win (or even a draw) against the Netherlands and avoid the ignominy of becoming the first host to end the tournament without a point.

Coach Felix Sanchez, however, is aware of the improbability of such a result and said: "Although, we won't qualify, we want to play well against the Netherlands. We competed with all our strength and the group was difficult. We will compete at the highest levels to delight the Qatari fans."

A point would be enough for Louis Van Gaal's team to move to the knockouts and a loss, too, would do it no harm if Ecuador beats Senegal. A draw or a win is needed by Ecuador, unless the Qataris shock the world to upset the Netherlands, while a win is a must for Senegal.

Van Gaal said seven of his players are recovering from knocks but indicated a starting role for Memphis Depay, who has played only 75 second half minutes so far. "We need him to become world champion. We are doing everything we can to get him fit for the really important games," the Dutch coach said.

"I never say anything about the starting team, but because if he is going to play for an hour then he has to start."

In Group B, England with a +4 goal difference can qualify even if it suffers a loss as long as it can keep it's (goal difference) nose ahead of the others (Iran on three points has a GD of -2, while for the USA its 2 and 0, and 1 and -2 for Wales).

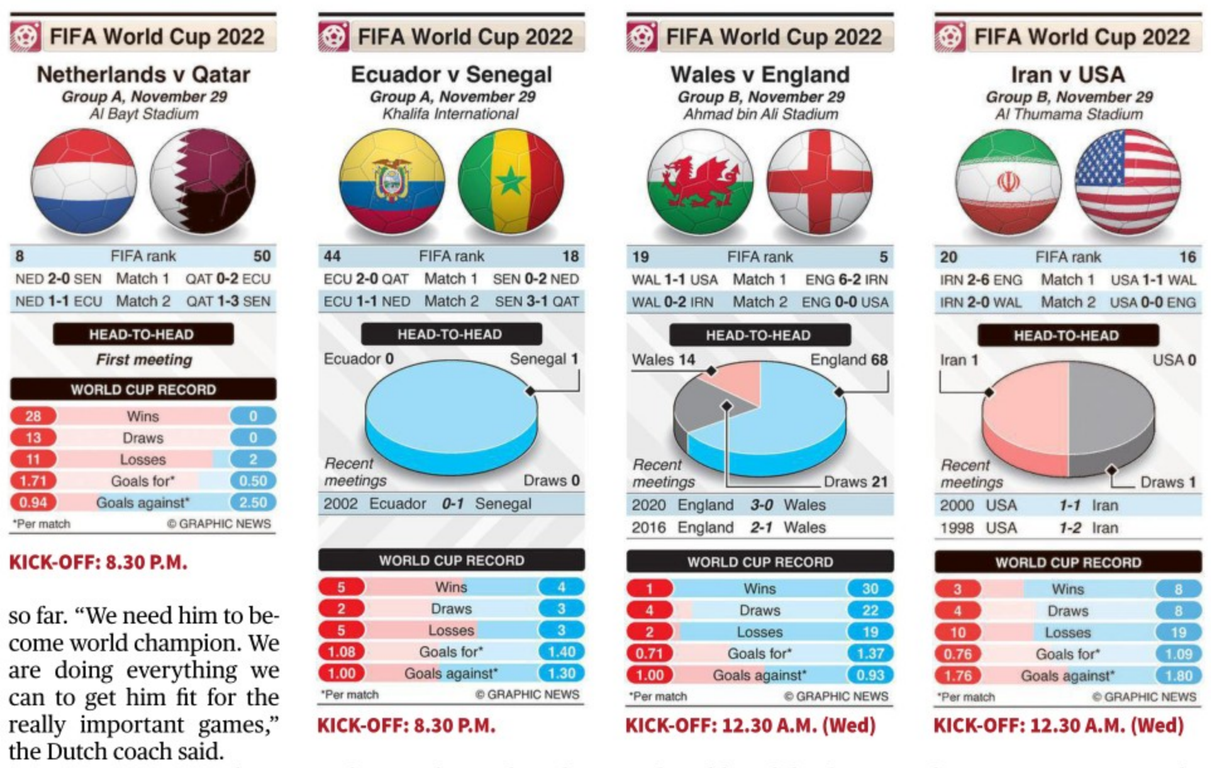
Gareth Southgate might be tempted to give Manchester City's Phil Foden the first start of the World Cup after an uninspired display against the United States.

"He can play off either flank, he can play as a false nine if we choose to do that, he can play off of a striker although he doesn't really do that so much at club level. So that's applicable for certain types of games or certain moments in games," Southgate said. "He's a very flexible player in terms of the attributes that he has and where he can have an impact, and he's a goal threat, which is also really important."

Gareth Bale must inspire his team to a win over the noisy neighbours to extend his World Cup stay, while a win is also must for the United States in the feisty encounter against the Iranians.

A draw would be enough for the Asians if England doesn't crumble in this last group encounter and a win would guarantee its progress.

TODAY'S FIESTA



INBRIEF

Hurley and Soumya shine as India u-19 women beat NZ

Fast bowler Hurley Gala (three for 18), *right in pic*, and opener Soumya Tiwari's unbeaten 52 off 33 balls were the highlights as the India u-19 women cruised past New Zealand by seven wickets in the first T20 at the MCA's Bandra-Kurla Complex ground on Sunday. The second T20 will be held on Tuesday.

The scores: New Zealand u-19 85/9 in 20 overs (Hurley Gala 3/18, Sonam Yadav 2/12) lost to India u-19 89/3 in 11.3 overs (Soumya Tiwari 52 n.o., Amie Hucker 2/15).

Usha faces no rival for election as IOA president

P.T. Usha was the lone nomination for the post of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president, when the nomination deadline ended on Sunday. Similarly, Ajay Patel of the National Rifle Association (NRAI) was the lone nomination for the senior vice president position. For the two posts of other vice-presidents, there are three nominations, Rajlaxmi Singh Deo, Alaknanda Ashok and Gagan Narang. Sahdev Yadav of the wrestling federation is the lone candidate for the treasurer post. For the two joint secretaries, there are four nominations – Alaknanda Ashok, Shalini Thakur Chawla, Suman Kaushik and Kalyan Chaubey.

Kotak named India-A coach for tour of Bangladesh

Former Saurashtra captain Sitanshu Kotak has been handed the coaching responsibilities for the India-A squad currently touring Bangladesh for two four-day 'Test' matches, beginning Tuesday. One of the batting coaches at the National Cricket Academy (NCA), Kotak will be assisted by Troy Cooley and T. Dilip, the national team's fielding coach.

Nurudeen nets Real Kashmir's winner against Churchill

Ibrahim Nurudeen's 76th-minute strike helped Real Kashmir beat Churchill Brothers 1-0 in an I-League match in Srinagar on Monday. At Gurgaon, Luka Majcen (16th) and Deepak Devrani (78th) took RoundGlass Punjab to a 2-1 win over Aizawl. Lalthanmawia netted for Aizawl.

Afghanistan seals ODI WC spot after washout game

Afghanistan cemented its place in next year's ICC ODI World Cup in India after the second ODI against Sri Lanka in Pallekele was abandoned due to rain. Afghanistan received five extra points in the World Cup Super League standings because of the no result that took its total to 115 points. Afghanistan is in seventh place, with the top eight sides at the end of the Super League earning automatic spots.

Yoddhas battle past Warriors; Deshwal does it for Panthers

U.P. Yoddhas put itself in a good position to qualify for the playoffs with a 33-32 win over Bengal Warriors in Hyderabad on Monday. Arjun Deshwal (18 points) starred in Jaipur Pink Panthers' 48-28 win over Telugu Titans.

LIVE TELECAST

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards

FIFA World Cup 2022: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8.30 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Wednesday)

Saurashtra exacts sweet revenge on TN

Books semifinal date with Karnataka; Jani steals limelight with brilliant all-round show; Harvik, Arpit lend fine support; Indrajith, Sai battle in vain

HAZARE TROPHY

Amol Karhadkar
NADIAD

Middle-order concerns coupled with Chirag Jani's all-round show resulted in Tamil Nadu's Vijay Hazare Trophy campaign coming to a halt with a 44-run loss to Saurashtra at the Gokulbhai Somabhai Patel Stadium on Monday.

Jani's sterling show (52 n.o., 31b, 2x4, 4x6; 3/53) overshadowed other brilliant individual performances, including R. Sai Kishore's handy work with bat and ball, as Saurashtra avenged last year's semifinal loss to set up a semifinal clash versus Karnataka.

Having put Saurashtra in, the Tamil Nadu bowlers struck regularly, but could neither restrict the flow of runs nor force a mini-collapse. As a result, riding on opener Harvik Desai's steady 61 and a 78-run association for the fifth wicket between Arpit Vasavada and Prerak Mankad, Saurashtra was placed at 240 for six in 46 overs.

Elated: Dharmendrasinh Jadeja, second from right, is cock-a-hoop after dismissing Dinesh Karthik.
M. VEDHAN

Jani and skipper Jaydev Unadkat then cut loose, with Jani being severe on R. Sonu Yadav's medium-pace. The last over saw Jani tonking Sonu for 24 runs, including three sixes off the first three balls.

Saurashtra's total of 293 for eight required TN openers N. Jagadeesan and B. Sai Sudharsan to carry on their exploits from the league stage. However, Chetan Sakariya jagged one back to trap Jagadeesan lbw in the second over. And Unadkat's move to introduce the left-arm spin of Dharmendrasinh Jadeja as early as the seventh over worked as he forced Sudharsan to nick a miscued cut.

Things went from bad to worse as confusion between the twins resulted in B. Aparajith's run out in the next over. The writing was on the wall in the 11th over when Dinesh Karthik miscued a sweep off Jadeja.

Raising hope

At 51 for four, B. Indrajith and Sai Kishore brought TN back into the game with a breezy 113-run partnership. But both of them were dismissed at inopportune moments and Saurashtra assumed control. The big-hitters were left with too much to do and Tamil Nadu folded up for 249.

The scores (quarterfinals): In Nadiad: Saurashtra 293/8 in 50 overs (Harvik Desai 61, Chirag Jani 52 n.o., Arpit Vasavada 51) bt Tamil Nadu 249 in 48 overs (R. Sai Kishore 74, B. Indrajith 53, Chirag Jani 3/53).

In Ahmedabad: Punjab 235 in 50 overs (Abhishek Sharma 109, Sanvir Singh 39, Vidwath Kaverappa 4/40) lost to Karnataka 238/6 in 49.2 overs (R. Samarth 71, Shreyas Gopal 42).

Maharashtra 330/5 in 50 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 220 n.o., Ankeet Bawane 37, Azim Kazi 37, Kartik Tyagi 3/66) bt Uttar Pradesh 272 in 47.4 overs (Aryan Juyal 159, Rajvardhan Hangargekar 5/53).

Jammu & Kashmir 350/7 in 50 overs (Henan Nazir 124, Shubham Khajuria 120, Fazil Rashid 53) lost to Assam 354/3 in 46.1 overs (Riyan Parag 174, Rishav Das 114 n.o.).

Ruturaj's seven sixes in one over

Agence France-Presse
NEW DELHI

India batter Ruturaj Gaikwad on Monday smashed an unprecedented seven successive sixes in one over of a 50-overs domestic match – courtesy a no-ball.

Ruturaj, 25, who has played one ODI and nine T20I matches for India, hammered 42 runs for Maharashtra in a seven-delivery over against Uttar Pradesh in the quarterfinal of the Vijay Hazare Trophy in Ahmedabad.

Left-arm spinner Shiva Singh was at the receiving end of his six-hitting blitz in the 49th over.

Ruturaj is the first player to hit seven sixes in one over in a List-A category match. He finished unbeaten on 220 as his team made 330 for five.

Lee Germon of New Zealand holds the all-time List-A record with eight sixes in a bizarre 77-run over of multiple deliberate wides and no-balls in a 1990 Shell Trophy match, when Wellington intentionally gave away runs to try to tempt Canterbury into recklessness.

Ruturaj's sequence read: 6, 6, 6, 6, 6nb, 6, 6.

Karnataka women beat Punjab

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Karnataka defeated Punjab 85-66 in a women's Group A match of the 72nd National basketball championship in Udaipur on Monday.

The results: Men: Group A: Punjab 85 bt Maharashtra 66.
Group B: Kerala 97 (Grigo Mathew 21, Sejin Mathew 20, Antony Johnson 20, A.S. Sharath 12, Jishnu Nair 10) bt Madhya Pradesh 85 (Prakash Mishra 26, Harsh Singh 17, Ranjeet Mannee 17).
Group C: Tamil Nadu 80 (M Aravind 19, Lokeshwaran 13, Muinbek 12) bt Uttarakhand 62 (Amandeep Singh 15, Keshar Singh 13, Prashant Rawat 12).

Women: Group A: Karnataka 85 (Varsha Nandhini 19, Niharika Reddy 14, Roshni John 14, Ipamudhra Timmaiah 10) bt Punjab 66 (Manmeet Kaur 23, Yashneet Kaur 14, Kanishka Dhir 12); Railways 74 bt Rajasthan 44.
Group B: West Bengal 65 (Vaishnavi Yadav 30, Anjana Ekka 17) bt Chhattisgarh 58 (Shanti 21, Kirti 11).

Bangalore Winter Meeting expected to be a grand affair

RACING

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Winter Meeting 2022-23, comprising 22 race days, is scheduled to commence on Friday, Dec. 2, and will be held mainly on Fridays and Saturdays.

Briefing the media here on Monday, the Bangalore Turf Club chairman and senior steward Shivakumar Kheny said, "It is with great pleasure that I would like to announce that it is the turn of Bangalore Turf Club to host the Invitational Races during the meeting, the Sprinters' Cup and the Stayers' Cup will be run on Saturday, March 4 and the Indian Turf Invitation Cup and the Super Mile Cup will be run on Sunday, March 5, 2023.

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In respect of local horses, performance-linked incentive of 15% will be credited to the accounts of the owner(s) concerned. The minimum number of acceptors has been restricted to four with respect to races to be run over a distance of 1,800m or more.

In races for horses rated 70 and above, the top weight has been capped at 65kg. Minimum number of acceptors has been restricted to five with respect to races for horses rated 70 and above, six with respect to two-year-olds in 2022 and 3-years-olds in 2023.

The maximum number of acceptors in respect of ordinary races will continue to be 12 except the Classic Days where the maximum number of runners will be 14.

Board Of Appeal: S. Chockalingam (chairman), Y. Jagannath, Kenneth Pinto, K.R. Prakash, I.S.N. Prasad and C.H. Pratap Reddy.

Racing dates: December: 2 and 3, 9, 16 and 17, 23, 30 and 31. **January:** 7, 13, 25 and 26, **February:** 3, 10, 18. **March:** 4 and 5, 10 and 11, 17 and 18, 24.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Mohsin, Vijayaraj star in Karnataka's innings win

Mohsin Khan's match-haul of 12 wickets (7/51 & 5/5) and Vijayaraj's unbeaten 250 helped Karnataka hammer Meghalaya by an innings and 338 runs in the Cooch Behar Trophy under-19 cricket tournament.

The scores: Meghalaya 157 in 57 overs (Sachin 60, Bharat 28 n.o., Mohsin Khan 7/51) & 56 in 33 overs (Mohsin Khan 5/5, Yashovardhan Parantap 3/21) lost to Karnataka 551/3 decl. in 109.3 overs (Vishal Onat 63, Swaroop S. Hipparagi 99, Vijayaraj 250 n.o., Prakhar Chaturvedi 47, Dhruv Prabhakar 72 n.o.).

Irfan helps FC Bengaluru United bounce back

Irfan Yadwad scored a brace as FC Bengaluru United recorded a come-from-behind 2-1 victory over Bengaluru FC in the BDFA Super Division League football here on Monday.

The results: Kickstart FC 3 (Princewill Emeke 45+2, 78, Solaimalai 53) bt Friends United FC 1 (Vijay Thangavel 70); Sporting Club, Bengaluru 1 (Karthik Govind Swamy 58) bt Kodagu FC 0; Rebels FC 1 (Ernest Addo 63) bt Roots FC 0; FC Bengaluru United 2 (Irfan Yadwad 79, 89) bt BFC 1 (Monirul Molla 25).

Rennell and Gaurav hog the limelight

Rennell Pais starred with an all-round effort (95 & five for 15) as Wilson Garden CC thrashed Malleswaram Gymkhana by a massive 343-run margin in the KSCA (Group I) under-14 inter-club tournament. In another match, Gaurav Venkatesh's seven for 10 helped Vultures CC defeat Lions CC by seven wickets.

The scores: Social Cricketers 136 in 42.4 overs (Adarsh Rathod 29, Atharv S. Deshpande 3/24) bt Mount Joy 115 in 41 overs (Chetan Rangraj 4/29).
Jolly Cricketers 126 in 46.5 overs (Khush Kothari 3/18, Ahaan Naman Mehta 3/13) lost to Swastic Union (2) 128/2 in 23.3 overs (Arya J. Gowda 38, R. Sriyans 50 n.o.).
Vikram 97 in 34.4 overs (S.M. Rakshith Gowda 27, H. Dhruv Acharya 3/27) lost to Sir Syed Cricketers 98/2 in 28.1 overs (Chilukuri Akhil Subhash 38).
Neptune 61 in 30 overs (Nikhil Nagavi 4/9) lost to Century Cricketers 64/3 in 13.1 overs (Dhruv Sharma 27 n.o.).
Dooravani Cricketers (1) 236/8 in 50 overs (Harshit Pai 48, M. Shivu 35, K. Gagan Sai 35, Shreyash S. Depavat 39 n.o.) bt Cambridge 115 in 45.2 overs (Manish Benjamin John 63, K. Gagan Sai 4/32).
Lions 72 in 32 overs (R. Rohith Reddy 34, Gaurav Venkatesh 7/10, S.P. Banesh 3/19) lost to Vultures 76/3 in 12.1 overs (N.P. Vivek 26, Krushna V. Rao 25 n.o.).
The Bangalore Cricketers 238/6 in 50 overs (Siddhant Nigam 67, S. Shivaprasad 75, R. Monik 33 n.o.) bt Modern 148 in 40.4 overs (M.V. Kiran 29, M.N. Dhyan Aiyappa 42, Arjun Subrahmanian Venkateshwaran 29 n.o., R. Monik 4/36).
Wilson Garden 502/9 in 50 overs (Rennell Pais 95, Arsh 109, Ikkurthi Lakshmi Venkata Sai Raghavendra 29, Shankargouda Sidaraddi 106, Bhavya Tushar Vunna 39, P. Monish 3/65) bt Malleswaram Gymkhana 159 in 36 overs (P. Monish 27, Rennell Pais 5/15).
Rajajinagar Cricketers 138 in 43.1 overs (D. Chiranth 54, Aadrith 3/21, Advaith Kamesh 3/37) lost to Jupiter CA 142/4 in 25.1 overs (R. Parth 53, Bilal Muhammad Basheer 32).
Coles 302/9 in 50 overs (T.N.V. Siddharth 102, Manan Goel 25, Saksham Agrawal 37 n.o., V. Roshan James 3/29) bt BUCC (1) 236/7 in 50 overs (Rachit Das 45, P. Rithesh 48, C. Sumith 33, Saksham Agrawal 3/56).
Cavaliers 44 in 24.5 overs (Naitik Aswani 3/9, Mohammad Rayan 3/11) lost to Young Lions Club 47/0 in 6.3 overs (Arjun Aravind Potti 26 n.o.).

Winning Streak claims the Osman Sagar Cup

HYDERABAD: Trainer L.D' Silva's Winning Streak (Afroz Khan up) won the Osman Sagar Cup, the main event of Monday's (Nov. 28) races. The winner is owned by Mr. M. Ramakirshna Reddy, Col. S.B. Nair & Mr. Arjun Reddy Ramasahayam.

1. ROYAL TERN PLATE (DIV. III) (1,200m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **RHYTHM SELECTION** (Md. Ismail) 1, Golden Forza (Vivek G) 2, Costello (Deepak Singh) 3 and Horse O' War (Rafique Sk.) 4. 3/4, 2 and 1. 1m 12. 78s. ₹280 (w), 35, 21 and 10 (p). SHP: 69, THP: 77, SHW: 85 and 26, FP: 2,015, Q: 1,173, Tanala: 10,570. Favourite: Costello.
Owners: Mr. Syed Abdul Subhan. Trainer: Mir Faiyaz Ali Khan.

2. SOLITAIRE PLATE (DIV. I) (1,400m), rated up to 25 (Cat. III): **REINING QUEEN** (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 1, Exponent (Gaurav Singh) 2, AR Superior (G. Naresh) 3 and Saint Emilion (Santosh Raj) 4. 2, 1-1/4 and Hd. 1m 27. 09s. ₹65 (w), 14, 15 and 20 (p). SHP: 53, THP: 50, SHW: 20 and 26, FP: 315, Q: 152, Tanala: 2,297. Favourite: Saint Emilion.
Owners: Mr. Sunil Kumar Sethi, Mr. Abhimanyu Vinod Sigtia, Mr. Lakshmana Chowdary Yalamanchili & Mr. E. Anoop Kumar Reddy. Trainer: P. Ajeeth Kumar.

3. CRACK REGIMENT PLATE (DIV. I) (1,800m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **HUMANITARIAN** (Suraj Narredu) 1, Dream Station (M. Madhu Babu) 2, Akash (Santosh Raj) 3 and Forever Bond (Afroz Khan) 4. Not run: New Hustle. 6-1/2, 1-1/4 and Hd. 1m 51. 82s. ₹11 (w), 11, 13 and 18 (p). SHP: 37, THP: 43, SHW: 10 and 28, FP: 36, Q: 42, Tanala: 198. Favourite: Humanitarian.
Owners: Mr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla, Mr. Adar C. Poonawalla & Mrs. Natasha A. Poonawalla rep. Villoo Poonawalla Racing & Breeding Pvt. Ltd. Trainer: Laxman Singh.

4. GADWAL PLATE (1,200m), 5-y-o & upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **BEDFORD** (Akshay Kumar) 1, Beauty On Parade (A.A. Vikrant) 2, Shazam (D.S. Deora) 3 and Four One Four (Md. Ismail) 4. 2, Hd and 1/2. 1m 10. 56s. ₹26 (w), 14, 16 and 22 (p). SHP: 59, THP: 50, SHW: 15 and 26, FP: 80, Q: 69, Tanala: 376. Favourite: Bedford.
Owners: Mr. Teegala Vijender Reddy & Mr. Narendra Vithaldas Shah. Trainer: N. Rawal.

5. CRACK REGIMENT PLATE (DIV. II) (1,800m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **CARNIVAL LADY** (B. Nikhil) 1, Exclusive Spark (Mohit Singh) 2, Team Player (Afroz Khan) 3 and Superstellar (Akshay Kumar) 4. Shd, 2 and Hd. 1m 52. 20s. ₹67, 16, 27 and 24 (p). SHP: 64, THP: 51, SHW: 22 and 42, FP: 983, Q: 468, Tanala: 5,683. Favourite: Superstellar.
Owners: Mr. Sarasam Madhusudan Reddy & Mr. Rameshbhai Amrutlal Mehta. Trainer: N. Ravinder Singh

6. OSMAN SAGAR CUP (1,600m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **WINNING STREAK** (Afroz Khan) 1, Juramento (Akshay Kumar) 2, Arthur (Chouhan) 3 and Fly Tothe Stars (P. Sai Kumar) 4. 2, Nk and 1-1/4. 1m 38. 52s. ₹107 (w), 22, 13 and 10 (p). SHP: 25, THP: 100, SHW: 34 and 15, FP: 625, Q: 186, Tanala: 919. Favourite: Arthur.
Owners: Mr. M. Ramakrishna Reddy, Col. S.B. Nair & Mr. Arjun Reddy Ramasahayam. Trainer: L.D'Silva.

7. SOLITAIRE PLATE (DIV. II) (1,400m), rated upto 25 (Cat. III): **MY MARVEL** (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 1, Good Tidings (Akshay Kumar) 2, Sea Of Class (Vivek G) 3 and Malahat (D.S. Deora) 4. Not run: Arba Wahed Arba. Nk, 3 and 3. 1m 26. 17s. ₹49 (w), 16, 15 and 14 (p). SHP: 33, THP: 53, SHW: 21 and 15, FP: 185, Q: 78, Tanala: 424. Favourite: Sea Of Class.
Owners: Mr. Srinivas Pangam & Mr. T. Rakesh Reddy. Trainer: Ananta Vatsalya.

Jackpot: 70%: ₹1,56,997 (2 tkts.), 30%: 2,446 (55 tkts.).

Mini Jackpot: (i) 11,361 (4 tkts.), (ii) 68,820 (c/o).

Treble: (i) 203 (242 tkts.), (ii) 18,046 (3 tkts.).

FICCI Lifetime Achievement Award for Talwar

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Former Haryana cricketer and Dronacharya Awardee Sarkar Talwar was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award in the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FICCI) during its National Sports Awards function here.

Rakesh Rao, a Deputy Editor (Sports) with *The Hindu*, received the Special Recognition Award for Sports Journalism.

Pro Kabaddi League team Bengaluru Bulls bagged the Sports Franchise of the Year award.

The awardees: Emerging player (male): Payas Jain (table tennis); **Emerging player (female):** Linthoi Chanambam (judo) and Antim Panghal (wrestling); **Sportsperson of the Year - Special:** Shrey Kadyan (softball); **Sportsperson of the Year - Para:** Avani Lekhara (shooting); **Coach of the Year (male):** R.B. Ramesh (chess); **Coach of the Year (female):** Nonita Lal Qureshi (golf).

Contribution to Sports Journalism - Print: Rakesh Rao (*The Hindu*); **Contribution to Sports Journalism - Electronic:** Nikhil Naz;

Excellence in Sports Governance: Sports Authority of India; **Sports Franchise of the Year:** Bengaluru Bulls - Pro Kabaddi League; **Best State Promoting Sports:** Odisha.

National Sports Federation of the Year: All India Chess Federation.